

# Academic Regulations

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The regulations published in the Undergraduate Catalog are a digest of the rules of the institution. Changes may be made in the regulations at any time to promote the best interests of the university and its students. Students are responsible for knowing the published regulations, policies, and standards of the university and of their college or school.

## Academic Standing

There are four different categories of academic standing based on a student's academic performance: good standing, academic probation, academic suspension, or academic dismissal. Probation, suspension, and dismissal become effective at the end of the semester in which the student fails to attain the GPA specified in the rules following. Although the student will usually receive official notification of such action, notification is not a prerequisite to the student's being placed on probation, suspended, or dismissed. **It is the student's responsibility to ascertain his or her academic status prior to the beginning of each semester.**

### Good Standing

A student will be in good standing, and continue in good standing, when his or her cumulative GPA is 2.00 or higher.

### Academic Probation

A student will be placed on academic probation, and will continue to be on probation, when his or her cumulative GPA falls below a minimum of 2.00.

### Academic Suspension

A student on academic probation will be placed on academic suspension if his or her cumulative GPA does not reach the required level, according to the number of hours attempted (see below). "Hours Attempted" include all previously earned credit hours (including hours transferred from other institutions, P and Z graded hours, and hours earned by examination or advanced placement) plus all attempted but unearned hours (including I, IP, and F graded courses). For this calculation, the I mark will be computed as F.

| Hours Attempted | Minimum GPA |
|-----------------|-------------|
| 1-30            | 1.60        |
| 31-60           | 1.80        |
| 61 or more      | 2.00        |

A student who is on suspension will be denied readmission to the university for at least one regular semester (not including the summer term). To continue enrollment without interruption, a student may be readmitted through one of the following options:

- Attend the University of Mississippi during the summer term and earn a semester GPA of 2.00 or higher on 12 or more hours. Note: It may be possible for a student who invokes the forgiveness policy during the summer term to raise his or her grade-point average to be readmitted (Policy Directory: Policy Code ACA.AR.200.003)
- Enroll in the Contractual Readmission Program at least two weeks prior to the first day of classes in the fall or spring semester

A student in the Contractual Readmission Program is required to meet before the first day of classes with a learning specialist in the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning to arrange an acceptable class schedule of 12 to 16 credit hours and to create a personal academic success plan. A student in the Contractual Readmission Program also is required to enroll in and successfully complete Edhe 202, Fundamentals of Active Learning, and to earn a 2.20 semester GPA or higher in the returning semester. A student who completes the Contractual Readmission Program requirements, but who earns a semester GPA of between 2.00 and 2.19, may continue in the program to complete all requirements during the following semester.

A student will be academically dismissed if the student fails to:

- Achieve good standing, or
- Achieve at least a 2.00 semester GPA on 12 or more hours, or
- Complete all Contractual Readmission Program requirements at the end of the second semester in the program

Both the suspension and the readmission will be recorded on the student's permanent record. No student shall be academically suspended unless he or she has been placed on probation for at least one semester.

### Academic Dismissal

If a student is on probation as a result of having returned from an academic suspension or dismissal, and fails to meet the 2.00 GPA retention standard for



any semester, then he or she will be academically dismissed for one calendar year. For this calculation, an I mark will be computed as an F. The student may appeal for readmission at the end of this year; readmission will be determined by the Faculty Committee on Readmission Appeals and is automatic for students who have been dismissed only one time. No student shall be academically dismissed from the university unless he or she has first been previously academically suspended or dismissed.

Students who have been suspended or dismissed for longer than 48 months may wish to consider the Academic Restart option described in the Admission to the University chapter.

**Readmitted Students**

A student who returns after an academic suspension or dismissal will automatically be on academic probation. No work earned elsewhere during the suspension or dismissal will be used either in the calculation of the candidate's academic status, nor transferred as credit toward a degree.

**Part-time Students**

Part-time students (those carrying fewer than 12 hours, graded and ungraded combined, per semester) on academic probation will stay on probation until the term in which they have attempted 12 or more hours since the last determination of status. At the end of that term, their status will be recalculated as if all the new work had been done in a single term, and a new status will be determined.

**Repeated Probation**

A student who has been moved from probation to good standing will be subject to new academic action in accordance with the preceding rules exactly as if the student had never been previously placed on probation, suspended, or dismissed.

