

UW-Eau Claire Academic Standing and Progress (with proposed revisions in red)

Rationale:

This revision changes two major elements of the policy:

1. It removes the automatic suspension for a single semester GPA of >1.0. We don't think we should automatically suspend a student who may have one very difficult semester, particularly first semester freshmen. We protect freshmen students from immediate suspension after their first semester, as well as in other cases.
2. It removes the timeline of 2 semesters to recover a 2.0 GPA. A student who is able to maintain a semester GPA of 2.5 is deemed to be making sufficient progress towards removing him or herself from probation (but will remain there until their resident GPA reaches 2.0 or higher).

The benchmark of a single semester GPA of 2.5 for students to continue on probation was chosen because only with a semester GPA of 2.5 or above will a student's overall cumulative GPA of under 2.0 show improvement toward good academic standing. A single semester GPA of less than 2.5 would not be sufficient to substantially improve their resident GPA to recover to 2.0 or above.

The University expects each undergraduate (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, or special student) to maintain a level of academic achievement consistent with University standards and to make reasonable progress toward the completion of a chosen curriculum.

The policies and regulations outlined below define the minimum academic standards of the University. Any College of the University may set a higher standard for admission, retention, or graduation from a degree program.

Good academic standing. The definition of good academic standing includes University standards for satisfactory academic progress during a semester. Academic standing is determined twice each year, once at the end of the fall semester and once at the end of the spring semester. It is not determined at the end of Summer Session or Winterim Session.

A student is in good academic standing at the end of a semester if all the following conditions are met:

1. The student's resident GPA is 2.00 or higher.
2. The student has earned a semester GPA of 2.00 or higher.

NOTE 1: An excessive number of withdrawals from courses may impact students' eligibility for acceptance into certain major programs and most types of financial aid. All students should therefore consult their advisers before withdrawing from courses.

Academic Warning. An Academic Warning is the first formal notification that a student has failed to meet one or more of the requirements for good academic standing. The notation “Academic Warning” is placed on the student’s record at the end of the first semester in which any one or more of the following conditions apply:

1. The student’s resident GPA at the end of the semester is less than 2.00.
2. The student’s semester GPA is less than 2.00, ~~but 1.00 or higher.~~

Only one Academic Warning is issued to a student. (See Probation, below.) Students who receive this notification should immediately consult their adviser(s) or the Student Affairs and Dean of Students Office, so that they may obtain assistance in overcoming their academic difficulties.

Probation. After receiving one Academic Warning, students will be placed on probation at the end of any subsequent semester in which they again fail to achieve good academic standing. ~~The period of probation is one semester. Students must regain good academic standing by the end of the probationary semester in order to continue in the University. They will be removed from probation upon regaining good academic standing. Students may be placed on probation multiple times should their academic standing require it.~~

- *A probationary student who regains good academic standing will be removed from probation.*
- *A probationary student whose semester GPA is 2.5 or higher but whose resident GPA remains below 2.0 will continue on probation.*
- *A probationary student whose semester GPA is below 2.5 will be suspended. (see Suspension, below).*

Students may be placed on probation multiple times should their academic standing require it.

Suspension. A student on probation will be suspended from the University under either or both of the following conditions:

- ~~*At the end of a semester of probation, the student has a resident GPA under 2.0. failed to regain good academic standing*~~
- ~~*At the end of a semester of probation, the student has a semester GPA of less than 2.5. the student has a semester GPA of less than 1.00 (This regulation applies regardless of the student’s resident GPA).*~~

A student who has been suspended is ineligible to continue in the University for the period of one semester. Any degree-seeking student who wishes to return to the University after the expiration of the suspension must make formal application for readmittance through the Admissions Office. Special Students who wish to return to the University after the expiration of a suspension may register through Blugold Central. Readmittance cannot be guaranteed. If the student is readmitted and fails to regain good academic standing by the end of the first semester after readmittance, a second suspension of one semester will be incurred.

A student who has been suspended for academic reasons may request a review by a faculty committee of the College in which the student was enrolled. If the student can show that extenuating

circumstances existed, the committee may recommend to the Associate Dean of the College that the student be reinstated.

Students on suspension may attend the UW-Eau Claire Winterim and Summer Sessions (including the Three-Week Summer Session) for the purpose of improving their academic records. A suspended student may not enroll as a special student at UW-Eau Claire during the fall or spring semesters until the suspension has expired. A student suspended from UW-Eau Claire may encounter difficulty in attempting to enroll at another institution.

Policies applying to transfer students. The credits transferred from other colleges and universities are used to determine the classification of a student as freshman, sophomore, etc. Transfer credits are not used, however, in computing the UW-Eau Claire resident GPA which determines the student's academic standing in subsequent semesters at UW-Eau Claire ([see also Grade Point Requirements, under University Graduation Requirements](#)).

A transfer student admitted in good standing is governed by the policies set forth under Academic Standing and Progress.

A transfer student admitted on probation will be removed from probation if in the first semester at UW-Eau Claire the student achieves good academic standing. Thereafter the student's status is determined on the same basis as that of a student who was admitted in good standing and who has received an Academic Warning at UW-Eau Claire.

A transfer student admitted on probation will be suspended at the end of the first semester at UW-Eau Claire if at that time the student has failed to achieve good academic standing.

Policies applying to freshmen admitted on probation. A freshman admitted on probation will be removed from probation if in the first semester at UW-Eau Claire the student achieves good academic standing. Thereafter the student's status is determined on the same basis as that of a student admitted in good standing.

A freshman admitted on probation will be suspended at the end of the first semester if at that time the student has not achieved good academic standing.