

Augusta University

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Academic Standing for Undergraduate Students

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POLICY STATEMENT

Augusta University (AU) maintains required academic standards of performance for its undergraduate students. This policy describes those academic standards and the courses of action that can occur when these academic standards are not met. These include Academic Probation, Academic Suspension, Academic Dismissal, and Academic Renewal. This policy applies to students in all undergraduate programs at Augusta University. It should be noted, however, that departments may apply more stringent academic standards than are outlined in this policy.

Academic standards for graduate and professional level programs are set by the individual colleges at Augusta University.

AFFECTED STAKEHOLDERS

Indicate all entities and persons within the Enterprise that are affected by this policy:

- Alumni Faculty Graduate Students Health Professional Students
 Staff Undergraduate Students Vendors/Contractors Visitors
 Other:

DEFINITIONS

Good Standing: The academic standing of any student not on academic probation, suspension, or dismissal. Unless otherwise specified for a particular academic program, this term applies to an undergraduate student whose institutional grade point average is 2.00 or higher.

Academic Probation: The academic standing of any undergraduate student whose institutional grade point average (GPA) at Augusta University falls below 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale). Being placed on academic probation or continuing on academic probation obliges the student to meet prescribed academic performance levels in order to continue at the University.

Academic Suspension: A separation of at least one semester from the institution.

Academic Dismissal: A permanent separation of a student from Augusta University.

Academic Renewal: A policy that allows any undergraduate, degree-seeking student who has experienced significant academic difficulty to petition for one opportunity to make a fresh start.

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Academic Renewal GPA: A revised institutional grade point average which begins when the student granted academic renewal resumes coursework at Augusta University.

Academic Standing: Academic standing refers to a student's academic status at Augusta University.

Institutional GPA: The institutional GPA is computed using the total number of GPA credit hours attempted at Augusta University and the total number of grade points earned at Augusta University (excluding courses numbered 0001-0999) after including only most recent grade for courses that have been taken more than once at Augusta University and are not repeatable for credit.

Progression Level: The sum of all hours attempted at the university, plus all transfer credit hours attempted, plus all hours earned with grades that do not count in the GPAs, such as S and K. Progression Level is a rough measure of the actual amount of time the student has attended college.

PROCESS & PROCEDURES

1. Academic Probation, Suspension, and Dismissal

Any undergraduate student whose institutional grade point average (GPA) at the conclusion of any semester is below 2.00, shall be placed on academic probation or will continue on academic probation and will be subjected to the provisions of the suspension and dismissal policies described in subsequent sections of this policy. Undergraduate students at Augusta University who are placed on academic probation must have their course schedules approved by their advisors prior to registration. They may continue to attend Augusta University only if they meet the following minimum academic standards, which are based on progression level.

Progression	Level Term GPA	or	Institutional GPA
0 -29	1.50		1.00
30 - 59	2.00		1.60
60 - 89	2.00		1.90
90 and above	2.00		2.00

Students who meet the Term GPA or the Institutional GPA requirement as specified above will remain on probation until their Institutional GPA is at or above 2.00, at which time they will return to good standing. Students who are on probation and fail to meet the minimum Term and the Institutional GPA requirements specified above will be suspended or dismissed (see below, "Academic Suspension"). Some programs within the University maintain academic standards specific to their degree requirements which may exceed these basic requirements.

Academic Suspension

The mandatory minimum term of suspension shall be one semester. Students wishing to return to the University after a suspension must petition for reinstatement (see below "Appeal for Reinstatement"). If reinstatement is approved, the student will be placed on academic

probation, and may be subject to additional conditions of continuation established by the University at the time of reinstatement. Should the probationary student achieve good standing, the student will be subject to the policy guidelines for students in good standing.

Appeal for Reinstatement

There is no guarantee of reinstatement from any academic suspension. Students suspended for academic deficiencies who complete the mandatory period of suspension may be considered for reinstatement. The student must submit a petition, in writing, at least 30 days prior to the desired semester of reinstatement. The appeal should state clearly the reasons why the student should be considered for reinstatement. Students should submit petitions to the dean of his or her major college, unless they are assigned to the Academic Advisement Center. These students should submit petitions to the Director of Academic Advisement for reinstatement. If a student has been away from the University for more than three semesters (including summer), he or she must also apply for readmission through the Office of Academic Admissions.

Academic Dismissal after Reinstatement

Should the student not satisfy the conditions of continuation established after returning from suspension, he or she will be academically dismissed from Augusta University. If dismissed, the student may be readmitted only after a successful appeal process which is outlined below. Students wishing to appeal a dismissal must follow the Augusta University appeals process. Students may be readmitted only after successful appeal to the University or, if denied by the University, after successful appeal to the University System of Georgia Board of Regents (see USG BOR Policy Manual, Section 4.7.1, "Student Appeals").

2. Academic Renewal

Any undergraduate, degree-seeking student who has experienced significant academic difficulty at Georgia

Regents University may petition to have one opportunity to make a fresh start after an absence of three consecutive calendar years (nine semesters) from Augusta University. The following procedures will be applied for students seeking academic renewal (excerpted from USG Board of Regents Academic and Student Affairs Handbook, Section 2.5.1):

I. Applying for Academic Renewal Status

Students are encouraged to apply for Academic Renewal status at the time of reenrollment or enrollment as a transfer student at Augusta University. Students who do not request Academic Renewal at that time must do so within one calendar year after reenrollment.

Applications for Academic Renewal are made through the dean of the college housing the student's major, unless the student is assigned to the Academic Advisement Center. These applications are made through the Director of Academic Advisement. Students who are denied academic renewal may repetition after one calendar year (three semesters).

A student can be granted Academic Renewal status only one time.

- II. All previously attempted coursework continues to be recorded on the student's official transcript.

Only coursework completed prior to the period of absence may be considered for Academic Renewal.

The Academic Renewal GPA will be used for determining academic standing and eligibility for graduation.

To earn a degree from Augusta University, a student must meet the institution's academic residency requirements after acquiring Academic Renewal status.

Academic credit for previously completed coursework, including transfer coursework, will be retained only for courses in which a grade of A, B, or C has been earned.

Retained grades are not calculated in a Renewal GPA. Such credit is considered in the same context as transfer credit, credit for prior learning, and courses with grades of "S."

Courses with grades of D or F prior to the Academic Renewal must be repeated at Augusta University if they are required in the student's degree program.

Applicability of retained credit to degree requirements will be determined by the degree requirements in effect at the time Academic Renewal status is conferred on the student. Specific institutional program regulations must also be met.

Augusta University will accept transient credits for students with Academic Renewal status in accordance with current policy.

The Academic Renewal GPA is not used to determine graduation with honors. In order to graduate from Augusta University with honors, all attempted coursework from all institutions attended is used to calculate the final grade point average.

- III. Undergraduate students who are transferring to Augusta University or are returning to Augusta University after a period of absence may be eligible for Academic Renewal.

Readmitted Students

Readmitted students may be eligible for Academic Renewal for coursework taken prior to the period of absence. Students must be absent from Augusta University for three consecutive calendar years (nine semesters).

Transfer Students

Students who leave a regionally accredited institution of higher education and transfer to Augusta University are eligible to apply for Academic Renewal. Only coursework completed three years or more prior to the enrollment at Augusta University can be considered for academic renewal. Courses taken more recently than the period of eligibility are ineligible for consideration for Academic Renewal. However, transfer credit can be granted for coursework taken during this period in accordance with current Augusta University policy.

- IV. Any scholastic suspension that occurred in the past shall remain recorded on the student's permanent record. If a suspension is on the record and the student encounters subsequent academic difficulty after having been granted Academic Renewal, the next suspension subjects the student to dismissal.
- V. Re-entry into any program is not automatic.
- VI. The granting of Academic Renewal does not supersede financial aid policies regarding Satisfactory Academic Progress.
- VII. The granting of Academic Renewal does not supersede the admissions requirements of certain programs, e.g., teacher education and nursing, which require a specific minimum grade point average based upon all coursework.
- VIII. Academic Renewal status granted by another USG institution shall be honored at Augusta University.

REFERENCES & SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Augusta University Catalog

<http://catalog.gru.edu>

BOR Policy Manual, Section 4.7.1 Student Appeals

http://www.usg.edu/policymanual/section4/policy/C333/#p4.7.1_student_appeals

USG Academic Affairs Handbook, Section 2.5.1 Academic Renewal

http://www.usg.edu/academic_affairs_handbook/section2/handbook/C749/#p2.5.1_academic_renewal

RELATED POLICIES

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