



## Satisfactory Academic Progress and Good Academic Standing Policy

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### Statement of Policy:

Satisfactory Academic Progress (“SAP”) and Good Academic Standing (“GAS”) are determined by:

- Term Grade Point Average
- Cumulative Grade Point Average, and
- Ratio of attempted to completed semester credit hours.

All undergraduates in constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina system must **earn and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0** to be considered in GAS and making SAP, unless otherwise amended. WSSU students must minimally earn credit for at least 67% of all courses attempted per term and must satisfactorily complete at least 67% of cumulative credit hours attempted. Grades of A, B, C, D, or P are considered satisfactory. All other grades such as F, W, or I are considered unsatisfactory.

### Academic Probation and Suspension:

Academic warning and probation are the conditions that allow students to continue their enrollment at Winston-Salem State University after failing to meet or maintain GAS or make SAP as calculated at the end of each semester and at the end of each summer session.

### Academic Warning:

Failure to remain in good academic standing (GAS) will automatically place students on **Academic Warning** for the following semester. Students will be notified by the Registrar of their status at the end of the semester once grades are posted by the faculty. Students need not appeal their status as they will be allowed to continue for one semester on Warning. In the Warning semester, students must make a GPA of at least at 2.0 and satisfactorily complete 67% of the credits attempted. If students meet the GPA and completion rate requirements during the Warning semester and still do not meet the overall GPA requirement of 2.0 or the cumulative completion requirement of 67%, they can continue for an additional semester in Academic Warning upon the advice of an Academic Success Counselor. Students, who fail to meet the semester 2.0 or the 67% completion rate while in Academic Warning, will be placed on Academic Probation.

### **Academic Probation:**

Failure to be in GAS and meet the terms of Academic Warning automatically place students on **Academic Probation** for the following semester.

Students placed on academic probation and those for whom current suspensions were rescinded are required to adjust their current semester schedules to:

- **Create an Academic Plan for Success contract with an Academic Success Counselor before the beginning of the next term.**
- **Meet with an Academic Success Counselor regularly to receive one-on-one guidance and support. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in immediate suspension.**
- Repeat courses in which grades of F have been earned at WSSU if the courses are being taught that semester.
- Repeat courses in which grades of D have been earned unless excused by their academic advisor.
- Make a 2.0 GPA for the semester.
- Satisfactorily complete 67% of the courses for which they are registered.
- Register for a maximum of 13 semester hours.

A student may stay on Academic Probation for a maximum of two consecutive semesters. A student must attend Winston-Salem State University to remove the condition of Academic Probation. Therefore, transfer credit cannot be used to clear a probationary status. Students should refer to the progression policies in their disciplines (especially in the Health Sciences), and ROTC participants should contact the Military Science Program for additional rules that apply to them.

### **Academic Suspension:**

Failure to meet the required GPA or make SAP after two consecutive semesters of Academic Probation will result in **Academic Suspension** from WSSU for a period of two regular term semesters (Fall/Spring or Spring/Fall).

Suspension will also result if a student receives a grade of F in all courses attempted in a semester beyond the first semester at the university;

Students who have been suspended for earning **all Fs** in one semester may appeal through the ***Suspension Appeal*** process. A student who has been suspended may take courses during the summer session at WSSU in order to improve the GPA. A student cannot use transfer credit, however, to clear the suspension. After completing the suspension period, a student may reapply for admission. If the student is readmitted and continues with a GPA below that which qualifies for good academic standing, then the student is considered to be on Academic Probation and again has two semesters to address the GPA. Students placed on academic suspension for a second time will be suspended for a period of three (3) consecutive academic years. After the

three year suspension, the suspended student may apply for readmission and may be eligible to benefit from the Academic Forgiveness Policy.

**Suspension Appeal:**

Students have the right to appeal grades under the Grade Appeal Policy. Students who have been suspended can appeal the suspension to the Suspension Appeals Committee if they feel that they have extenuating circumstances that have negatively affected their ability to make SAP.

Effective Date: This amended policy becomes effective upon adoption by the Board of Trustees.

Amended: This the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013.

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