

# ACADEMIC STANDARDS (UNDERGRADUATE)

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The Academic Standards Office provides academic assistance and advising to students, particularly those having difficulty meeting academic standards of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. All student appeals for reinstatement are submitted to the Academic Standards Office. The Coordinator is available to provide information on academic policies, academic success strategies, and to refer students to other resources on campus for academic or personal assistance.

## Good Standing

Students with a UW-Whitewater term and cumulative GPA of a 2.00 or above.

## Academic Warning

Students with a term GPA below a 2.00 will be placed on Academic Warning. Students would be removed from Academic Warning if they receive a 2.00 term GPA in the subsequent semester. If students don't get a 2.00 term GPA in the subsequent semester, they remain on Academic Warning. However, if their UW-Whitewater cumulative GPA falls below a 2.00 in the subsequent semester, then the student moves to Academic Probation. Students can be on Academic Warning for multiple semesters. Students are limited to 15 units in the subsequent term.

## Academic Probation

Students who have a UW-Whitewater cumulative GPA below a 2.00 will be placed on Academic Probation and be limited to 15 units in the subsequent semester. Students who attain a UW-Whitewater cumulative GPA of a 2.00 or better will be removed from Academic Probation. Students will remain on Academic Probation if they continue to get a term GPA above a 2.00 even if the UW-Whitewater Cumulative is still below the 2.00. Students can be on Academic Probation for multiple semesters.

## Academically Dismissed

Students who are on Academic Probation and have a subsequent term and UWW Cumulative GPA below a 2.00 will be placed on Academic Dismissal. Students who are Academically Dismissed are denied all the privileges of the institution and of all organizations in any way connected to it, including any university-recognized living group. Students can appeal for reinstatement. If reinstated, students would be put on Academic Probation the subsequent semester.

## Reinstatement from Academic Dismissal

A student who has been academically dismissed must be formally reinstated to be eligible to attend classes in a fall/spring semester following the one in which he/she is dismissed. A student who is dismissed may enroll in summer or winterim classes in an effort to improve his/her cumulative grade point average and academic standing. A dismissed student is not eligible for financial aid for summer or winterim classes. Questions about the reinstatement process can be directed to the Academic Standards Office.

A student who has been dismissed at the end of a fall/spring semester and wishes to petition for reinstatement must follow the appropriate procedure below that describes his/her situation.

1. A student who has been dismissed for the first time and wishes to continue his/her enrollment in classes during the fall/spring semester following the one in which he/she was dismissed must:
  - Submit appeal to Academic Standards Committee by the appropriate deadline. If the appeal is approved by the Committee, the student will be reinstated and remain eligible to be enrolled in the next fall/spring semester's classes. If the appeal is denied, the student will be ineligible to continue enrollment in the next fall/spring semester and must follow the reinstatement procedure listed in #2 below.
2. A student who has been dismissed for the first time and will not be enrolled for classes during the fall/spring semester following the one in which he/she was dismissed must:
  - Apply for readmission with the Undergraduate Admissions Office. The Undergraduate Admissions Office must approve the application before the student will be eligible to continue.
3. A student who has been dismissed two or more times and wishes to attend the fall/spring semester following the one in which he/she was last dismissed must:
  - Complete and submit a complete appeal for reinstatement to the Academic Standards Committee by the proper deadline. If the appeal is approved by the Committee, the student will be reinstated and remain eligible to be enrolled in the next fall/spring semester's classes. If the appeal is denied, the student will be ineligible to continue enrollment in the next fall/spring semester and must follow the reinstatement procedure listed in #4 below.
4. A student who has been dismissed two or more times and will not attend the fall/spring semester following the one in which he/she was last dismissed must:
  - Complete and submit an appeal for reinstatement to the Academic Standards Committee by the proper deadline (the Committee must approve the appeal); **AND** Submit an application for readmission with the Undergraduate Admission's Office by appropriate deadlines (the Undergraduate Admission's Office must approve the application).

## Term Honors

Students who have earned a 3.40 or above term grade point average with no grade below "C" (D, F, I, NN, or NC) will be granted Academic Honors for that term. To be considered for Academic Honors, students must have successfully completed a minimum of 12 units of work for the term, at least 9 of which must have been taken on a conventional grade basis.

## Academic Forgiveness

Based on the criteria below, a student may apply for academic forgiveness. Once implemented, the student's permanent academic record (transcript and Academic Advising Report) will be marked with an "Academic Forgiveness" notation, and the grade point average calculation will be restarted based only on the units taken after the three year absence.

### Eligibility:

- Students must be admitted to an undergraduate degree-granting program at UW-Whitewater after having been absent from formal higher education for a minimum of three consecutive academic years.

- Students must have a pre-absence GPA below 2.5. (Students with a previous GPA above 2.5 should speak with an advisor about utilizing other policies to address academic difficulties, for example, the late withdrawal policy.)

**Limitations:**

- Students can only receive approval for academic forgiveness twice; however, students who have been denied in the past can re-apply for later terms.
- After academic forgiveness is implemented, students returning to UW-Whitewater must earn at least 12 units before graduating. Students entering UW-Whitewater for the first time must meet the academic residency requirement.
- Academic forgiveness cannot be applied to courses used within an awarded degree. For example, courses utilized in an earned associates degree cannot be forgiven, and those courses will continue to count in the GPA toward a bachelor's degree.
- If a student receives academic forgiveness but an accreditation or licensure requires a minimum grade/standard in a specific course or content area, the student will still need to meet that minimum. (For example, if licensure requires a C or above in COMM 110 but the student earned a D in that course, the D would not count in the GPA but the student would still need to retake the course.)
- The academic forgiveness policy is independent of financial aid regulations. The original coursework and associated grades will continue to be used by the Financial Aid Office when evaluating financial aid eligibility under Satisfactory Academic Progress. Before applying for academic forgiveness, students should consult with the Financial Aid Office if they have been and/or will be a financial aid applicant.

This shall be the only UW-Whitewater undergraduate academic forgiveness policy.

Students who apply for academic forgiveness are not guaranteed to receive it. Academic forgiveness applications follow the deadlines for Academic Appeals for Reinstatement, found on the Academic Standards webpage. The application process, the evaluation of applications, and approvals/denials are managed by the Admissions & Academic Standards Committee. This committee's decisions are final, and there is no appeals process.