

**Title:** Academic Standards for Credit Students

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### **POLICY:**

Students at Cecil College are expected to take responsibility for their own academic success and achievement within the program of study planned with their academic advisors. Each semester Academic Programs will identify students who are not making academic progress. Academic progress is defined as maintaining a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 for the time enrolled at Cecil College. Student Services and Enrollment Management will provide intervention and support for students to encourage their academic progress. Students who are not making academic progress will be subject to academic probation or academic suspension. Developmental courses are considered in the determination of the GPA for academic probation or academic suspension.

### **PROCEDURE:**

Academic Senate and the Academic Affairs Committee will review and provide feedback on this procedure every three years or as needed.

### **Academic Probation:**

Students who have attempted 12 credits will be placed on academic probation in the next semester in which they enroll if their cumulative GPAs are less than 2.0. With their academic advisors' approval, students will be permitted to enroll for a maximum of 12 credit hours in the first semester of academic probation. Students will be encouraged to complete any prerequisite course(s) in their programs of studies and/or to repeat those courses in which they have received failing grades. Students who have registered prior to receiving notice of academic probation must meet with their academic advisors to have their current semester course schedules adjusted to comply with the provisions of this policy.

1. Upon completion of each semester, the Chief Academic Officer or designee will notify students whose cumulative GPAs are below 2.0 (after 12 or more credits), indicating (1) that they have been placed on academic probation; (2) that they must meet with their academic advisors prior to finalizing their next semester's schedules; and (3) that their next semester's course loads cannot exceed 12 credit hours without the approval and signature of their academic advisors.
2. Students who achieve a 2.0 semester GPA or higher will remain on academic probation as long as their cumulative GPA falls below the 2.0 cumulative GPA required for graduation.
3. Students on probation who do not have a semester or cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher, will then be restricted to 7 credits in the next semester.

### **Satisfaction of Academic Probation:**

In order for academic probation to be lifted, students must achieve and maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA.

**Academic Suspension:**

Students on academic probation for two consecutive semesters who do not achieve a minimum 2.0 semester GPA will be placed on academic suspension for one semester. Students may not enroll in credit courses while on academic suspension.

1. Upon completion of the probationary semesters, the Chief Academic Officer or designee will notify students whose semester GPAs are below 2.0 indicating that they have been placed on academic suspension.
2. Students who wish to appeal academic suspension must follow the procedures for appeal.

**Reinstatement:**

Students readmitted after academic suspensions are considered to be on academic probation. Refer to academic probation procedures.

**Appeal:**

Students have one opportunity to appeal academic suspension. The appeal process must be completed before the start of the next semester. After the semester has begun, no appeals of academic suspension will be acknowledged.

1. Students must submit a formal letter of appeal including supporting documentation to the Chief Academic Officer or designee.
2. Upon receipt of appeal documentation, and in conjunction with the original documentation, a decision will be made and students will be notified within 14 days, except when the College is closed or during semester breaks.