

STANDARDS GOVERNING ACADEMIC PROBATION AND DISMISSAL
FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is the minimum standard acceptable for work leading to a bachelor's degree. Students with GPA's below 2.00 are subject to placement on academic probation or to academic dismissal.

Students' records are reviewed for possible dismissal at the end of the fall and spring semesters and the second summer session. Only those students who are on academic probation during a term are subject to dismissal at the end of that term. Students with cumulative GPA's of less than 1.00 at the end a term who were not previously on probation are placed on probation and limited to enrollment in a maximum of 13 credit hours. Students with semester GPA's below 1.50 are placed on academic warning, and must meet the additional warning conditions specified below, even if their cumulative GPA is above 2.0.

Students who do not meet prescribed standards (see table below) at the end of the spring semester will be so informed, but will be permitted to attend either or both summer sessions. Such students will need to meet the standard prescribed for their number of hours and number of semesters on probation at the end of the summer sessions or they will be dismissed, and not allowed to apply for readmission until the following summer. Enrollment at schools other than Frostburg State University cannot improve the GPA because credits, not grades, transfer from these institutions.

Probation and Dismissal

The consequences of unsatisfactory scholarship are listed below:

Total Hours Completed ¹	Cumulative FSU ² GPA Range	Consequence ³
0-14	1.00-1.99	Academic Probation
0-14	below 1.00	Dismissal
15-29	1.40-1.99	Academic Probation
15-29	below 1.40	Dismissal

Probation	30-44	1.60-1.99	Academic
Dismissal	30-44	below 1.60	
Probation	45-59	1.80-1.99	Academic
Dismissal	45-59	below 1.80	
Dismissal	60-above	below 2.00	

¹Total hours completed = all earned hours, graded and ungraded, including transfer credits.

²Cumulative FSU GPA=all letter grades (A, B, C, D, F, FX, WF) earned in all courses attempted at Frostburg State University.

³Only those students who are on academic probation during a term are subject to dismissal at the end of that term.

Additional Probation and Warning Conditions

For students on academic probation or academic warning, the following rules apply:

1. Students may not enroll for more than fifteen credit hours per semester.
2. Students must have their course schedules and loads reviewed and approved by their academic advisors. They must meet with their academic advisors throughout the semester. (The Academic Standards Subcommittee seriously considers the written reports of advisors on students subject to dismissal.)
3. Students on academic probation during the fall semester may not register for January intersession courses.

Additional Dismissal Conditions

Students also may be dismissed for unsatisfactory scholarship under any one of the following circumstances:

1. The student fails to meet the basic skills standard in reading, writing, and mathematics within two semesters and the summer session (see section on testing policies);
2. The student remains on academic probation for three

successive

semesters without reaching a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0.

Any enrollment in a summer session will count as one semester

on probation.

3. The student fails at least half of the semester hours of credit

in any single semester while on academic probation.

Academic Dismissal is for two semesters (the summer sessions are considered the equivalent of one semester), after which students are eligible to apply for readmission through the Office of Admissions. Readmission is not guaranteed. (See the section on Readmission in the Admissions Section of the catalog.)

Appeals of Dismissals

Students may appeal their academic dismissal for unsatisfactory scholarship by submitting letters of appeal to the Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs who serves as Chair of the Academic Standards Subcommittee. The appeals must demonstrate that the affected academic performance has resulted directly from serious physical, emotional, or other personal problems. In their appeals, students must detail the reasons for their poor academic performance and provide documentation. Within the same letter, students must show that the condition described has been addressed and that there is reason to believe that this condition will no longer affect academic performance if the appeal is sustained. Students are to submit letters of appeal and supporting documentation by the deadline specified in the academic dismissal notice. Letters of appeal after the deadline will not be accepted.

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