

Faculty Senate Resolution #14-86

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Revisions to the *University Undergraduate Catalog* to include adoption of key provisions of the new Student Success Policies for Fall 2015.

Earlier this Fall, the Admission and Retention Policies Committee reviewed a report from the Working Group on Fostering Undergraduate Student Success regarding proposed changes to ECU retention policies to adhere to UNC Policy Manual 400.1.5[G], adopted 08/01/2014 as *Guidelines Related to Fostering Undergraduate Student Success* for rules on withdrawals and the implementation of an early warning system and the new student retention policy changes outlined in the *Student Success Policies (for Fall 2015)* including:

1. A student whose cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 is placed on warning. If, during the semester that the student is on warning, the cumulative GPA falls below 2.0, then the student is placed on probation. If, during the semester on probation, the cumulative GPA falls below 2.0, then the student is suspended from the university for one semester. Students will be allowed to take summer courses during warning **and** probation **and suspension** periods.
2. A student on probation who has below a 2.0 cumulative GPA will continue on probation if he/she earns at least a 2.5 term GPA.
3. A student whose cumulative ratio of completed to attempted hours falls below 80% will receive a warning and an academic progress alert.
4. Students who are enrolled in 12+ attempted credit hours during their first semester (fall or spring) will be academically suspended if they receive a GPA of 0 (including "I" incomplete grades) for that semester.

The Committee requests the adoption of the above key provisions for insertion into the *University Undergraduate Catalog* as follows:

(Additions are noted in **bold** print, deletions in ~~strikethrough~~)

"Academic Eligibility Standards

~~Retention requirements are based on GPA hours attempted at ECU and/or transfer hours from another institution. The minimum academic requirements to avoid probation and/or suspension are as follows:~~

GPA Hours at ECU (identified in Banner Self Service Transcript) plus transferred credit hours	Minimum cumulative GPA required on all courses taken at ECU
1-29 semester hours	1.8 GPA
30-59 semester hours	1.9 GPA
60-74 semester hours	2.0 GPA
75 or more semester hours	2.0 GPA

~~A student who possesses a baccalaureate degree and who is working toward a second baccalaureate degree must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on all work attempted on the second baccalaureate degree. Many academic programs require a GPA greater than 2.0 for admission. (See specific major requirements.) Please note that Academic Eligibility and Satisfactory Academic Progress for Financial Aid are not the same. Please contact Student Financial Aid for more~~

information about Satisfactory Academic Progress for continuation of receipt of student financial aid at ECU (www.ecu.edu/financial/).

Grade point calculations are made and the report is posted to the web. Grades are mailed to the student at the end of each semester and each summer term upon written request (for each semester/term) from the student. Academic difficulty is reported on a student's transcript in Banner Self Service. Notification of academic difficulty standing is provided to the student via e-mail to his/her ECU e-mail account, **and also posted on his/her Degree Works report.**

~~The report indicates the following academic standing codes as appropriate:~~

GPA Hours at ECU (identified in Banner Self Service Transcript) plus transferred credit hours	Minimum cumulative GPA required on all courses taken at ECU
1-29 semester hours	1.8 GPA
30-59 semester hours	1.9 GPA
60-74 semester hours	2.0 GPA
75 or more semester hours	2.0 GPA

~~If the academic standard is not attained by the end of the next semester of enrollment, the student will be suspended. If either of the following conditions has been met during the semester of probation, the student is granted an "automatic appeal" and will be allowed to continue his/her enrollment.~~

- ~~1. The student earns a 2.5 or higher GPA on 12 or more attempted hours, or~~
- ~~2. The student's cumulative GPA results in a deficit of five or fewer quality points from the total quality points required by the academic standard.~~

~~Please note: The automatic appeal allows a student to return to ECU but does not remove the suspension from the student's record. If the student fails to attain the required academic standard then he/she will advance to the next level of suspension. The student will receive one of the following codes as appropriate:~~

- ~~3A — Probation after first suspension~~
- ~~3B — Probation after second suspension~~
- ~~3C — Probation after third suspension~~
- ~~3D — Probation Nontraditional student~~

~~Academic Suspension:~~

~~Academic Suspension (4A): This code indicates the first time that the student's scholastic performance has not met the requirements necessary to continue enrollment. The student is suspended for one semester followed by readmission on probation.~~

~~Academic Suspension (4B): This code indicates the status of a student who has become academically ineligible for a second time. A student becoming ineligible a second time will be suspended for one academic year (two consecutive semesters).~~

~~Academic Suspension (4C): This code indicates the status of a student who has become academically ineligible for a third time. If a third suspension occurs, the student will be readmitted only by successful appeal to the Student Academic Appellate Committee.~~

~~Nontraditional Student Suspension (4D): This code indicates the status of a student who has become academically ineligible. For readmission options available to students in this status, see Readmission Under Forgiveness Policy under Readmission, below.~~

~~Students on probation or suspended from the university have the following options:~~

- ~~Students may attend summer session(s) at ECU. At the end of the summer session(s) the student must have either a cumulative ECU GPA for their retention period; be within five quality points of the GPA needed for their retention period; or earn a GPA of 2.5 on 12 or more semester hours by attending both summer terms. The retention period is defined as follows:~~

GPA Hours at ECU (identified in Banner Self Service Transcript) plus transferred credit hours	Minimum cumulative GPA required on all courses taken at ECU
1-29 semester hours	1.8 GPA
30-59 semester hours	1.9 GPA
60-74 semester hours	2.0 GPA
75 or more semester hours	2.0 GPA

Students at East Carolina University are expected to be in Good Academic Standing. For students to be considered in Good Academic Standing, a cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required. If a student fails to meet Good Academic Standing, he/she will be placed on academic warning, probation, or suspension as detailed below.

~~Note: The Exception to the minimum GPA policy: applies to An undergraduate degree-seeking student enrolled in 12+ attempted hours during his/her first semester (fall or spring) will be academically suspended if he/she receives a GPA of 0.0 (including "I" incomplete grades) for that semester.~~

Academic Standing (see Table 1)

- 1) A student whose cumulative GPA falls below a 2.0 is placed on "warning."**
- 2) If, at the end of during the semester that the student is on "warning," the cumulative GPA remains below a 2.0, the student is placed on "probation."**
- 3) If, at the end of during the semester that the student is on "probation," the cumulative GPA remains below a 2.0, the student is "suspended" from the university unless the student's GPA for that semester is at least a 2.5, in which case the student remains on probation instead.**
- 4) A student whose cumulative ratio of completed to attempted hours falls below 80% will receive a warning and an academic progress alert.**

~~Note: exception to the minimum GPA policy applies to undergraduate degree-seeking student enrolled in 12+ attempted hours during his/her first semester (fall or spring) will be academically suspended if he/she receives a GPA of 0.0 (including "I" incomplete grades) for that semester.~~

Table 1. Academic Standing

Policy	Good Standing as Measured by	Consequences if Standard not Met		
		End of Semester 1	End of Semester 2	End of Semester 3
Academic Standing	GPA = 2.0+	Cumulative GPA <2.0 Warning	Cumulative GPA <2.0 Probation	Cumulative GPA <2.0 Suspension (1 semester)

Academic Warning:

~~This code indicates that the student is not performing at an acceptable level for progression toward graduation. (Warning is assigned to students whose cumulative grade point average is less than 2.0 [required for graduation] but meets the minimum GPA required for his or her retention period.)~~

Academic Probation

~~This code indicates that the student has not met the required academic standards.~~

Suspension

~~A student suspended from the university must serve a semester-long dismissal. Students may attend summer terms at East Carolina University during this time. Please note: If a student is suspended after a spring term, he/she they may continue to enroll in summer terms without completing a readmission application. Students who were A student suspended at the end of the after a fall term or suspended after the summer term, must complete a readmission application and be readmitted to attend a summer term.~~

~~Students attending one or more of the summer terms will be held to the same academic standards as during a fall and spring term. Academic standing for summer is calculated at the conclusion all summer terms. (For this purpose, Summer I, Summer II, and the 11-week summer term will be considered one term). For example, if a student is on academic probation prior to attending one or more summer terms, and he/she does not earn at least a cumulative GPA of 2.0 (or GPA of 2.5 over all summer terms), the student will be suspended for the fall term.~~

~~During the time of suspension, students may complete course(s) elsewhere, but must earn a 2.5 GPA on those course(s) in order to be readmitted to East Carolina University. Please refer to the readmission policies for the university. Students should work with their advisor in identifying transferrable courses.~~

~~Students readmitted to East Carolina University after suspension are placed on "Probation after Suspension" and expected to achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0. If during the semester a student is on Pprobation and he/she does not achieve a the cumulative 2.0 GPA, the a student will be suspended unless he/she earns at least a 2.5 term GPA in that semester, in which case the student he/she remains on probation instead.~~

~~Students may attend a regionally accredited institution and transfer credits back to ECU. Students must have a 2.5 GPA on all transferable credit to be eligible to apply for re-admission to ECU. Credit will be awarded for all transferable courses for which a grade of C (2.0) or better was earned. Please note that transfer credits may affect the student's retention GPA requirements. Although credit may be allowed for courses the equivalent of which the student was previously enrolled in at ECU, duplicate credit will not be granted under any circumstances. For additional regulations applying to transfer credit, see Section 2, Admission and Readmission.~~

Appeals of Suspension

~~A student who wishes to appeal his or her suspension must appeal in writing to the Student Academic Appellate Committee. Continuing students who have served a portion of their suspension and who wish exemption from the remainder may also submit an appeal to resume attendance. The completed appeal packet must be received in the Office of the Registrar by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the deadline published on the Registrar's website University calendar.~~

~~The Student Academic Appellate Committee normally will not approve an appeal unless it is based on personal, medical or psychological problems of an extreme nature that were unforeseeable and~~

uncontrollable and the student provides evidence that the situation has been remedied. The written appeal must contain the following information....”