New Rule on Good Standing, Warning, Probation and Suspension

**Effective Fall 2015**

The ECU academic rule on Good Standing, Warning, Probation and Suspension has changed effective fall 2015. The goal of this rule change is to emphasize the importance of Good Academic Standing and provide clear and concise expectations. 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. Students who fail to meet Good Academic Standing will be placed on academic warning, probation, or suspension as detailed below:

1. A student whose cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 is placed on warning. If, during the semester on warning, the student’s cumulative GPA remains below 2.0, the student is placed on probation. If, during the semester on probation, the student’s cumulative GPA remains below 2.0, the student is suspended from the university for one semester. Students will be allowed to take summer courses during warning, 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. 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.
4. A student whose cumulative ratio of completed to attempted hours falls below 80% will receive an Academic Progress Alert.

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Suspension: A student suspended from the university must serve a semester-long dismissal. The student may attend summer terms at East Carolina University during this time. Please note: A student suspended after a spring term may enroll in summer terms without completing a readmission application. A student suspended after a fall or summer term must complete a readmission application and be readmitted to attend a summer term. Students attending one or more summer terms will be held to the same academic standards as during a fall and spring term. Summer academic terms (summer I, summer II and the 11-week term) are considered one academic term when calculating a student’s academic standing at the conclusion of the summer terms. For example, a student on academic probation prior to attending one or more summer terms who does not earn at least a cumulative GPA of 2.0 (or GPA of 2.5 over all summer terms) will be suspended for the fall term.

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. A student on probation after suspension who does not achieve a cumulative 2.0 GPA will be suspended unless he/she earns at least a 2.5 GPA in that semester, in which case he/she remains on probation.

During the time a student is suspended, he/she 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. 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. 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 (SAAC). The SAAC normally will not approve an appeal unless it is based on a personal, medical or psychological reason of an extreme nature that was unforeseeable and uncontrollable and the student provides evidence that the situation has been remedied. The written appeal from the student must contain the following information: Action requested, rationale for request, supporting documentation (if any) and signature of the student (unless received from student’s ECU e-mail account). Please refer to the SAAC appeal form on the Registrar’s website – www.ecu.edu/registrar. Completed appeal packets 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. The decision of SAAC is final.