

To: Steering Committee, UNCW Faculty Senate
From: Nathaniel Grove, Chair, Academic Standards Committee
Date: November 25, 2013
Re: Motion Satisfactory Academic Progress

Whereas, UNC General Administration has requested that all campuses comply with the following policy:

UNC Policy 400.1.5 [R]

IIA. Satisfactory Academic Progress and Good Academic Standing are determined by:

- Term Grade Point Average*
- Cumulative Grade Point Average, and*
- Ratio of attempted to completed semester credit hours.*

The implementation of these criteria shall include the following:

- 1. Upon initial admission to a UNC campus, a student is in Good Academic Standing.*
- 2. All undergraduates in the University of North Carolina system must earn and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 to be considered in Good Academic Standing and making Satisfactory Academic Progress.*
- 3. All campuses must develop an academic progress policy that defines the ratio of attempted to earned semester credit hours required for continued enrollment. Federal Title IV regulations for Satisfactory Academic Progress shall be the minimum allowable standard.*
- 4. If a student meets the criteria in each of the these standards above, then the student is considered to be making Satisfactory Academic Progress, remains in Good Academic Standing, and is eligible to continue enrollment at that UNC campus.*
- 5. Campuses may develop policies that allow students falling below one or more of the standards to be placed on academic warning and/or academic probation as opposed to being academically dismissed or academically suspended. These policies must, at a minimum, be in accord with Federal Title IV regulations and should include the use of academic success contracts where appropriate.*
- 6. Campus policies related to this section must be published in all campus academic and financial aid materials, both printed and online. Students should be informed of these policies at new student orientation.*

The Academic Standards Committee, therefore, offers the following revisions to be made to the Undergraduate Catalogue in order to bring UNCW into compliance with UNC Policy 400.1.5 [R]:

Retention, Dismissal and Readmission

The University of North Carolina Wilmington both encourages and requires [intentional pursuit of your degree](#). In order to remain at the university, all students enrolling ~~fall 2010~~ [fall 2014](#) and later must meet the ~~grade point~~ requirements outlined below.

RETENTION CHART

Total Quality (GPA) Hours and Transfer Hours	Good Academic Standing	Academic Probation	Required Grade Point Average for Eligibility to Continue in the University
1—45	2.00	1.75—1.99	1.75
46—more	2.00		2.00

~~Transfer students are placed in the above retention chart based on total hours transferred from all institutions attended. Transfer students' grade point averages are computed only on quality hours attempted through the University of North Carolina Wilmington.~~

Academic Probation

An undergraduate is automatically placed on academic probation when the cumulative GPA drops below 2.0 [or if the undergraduate does not meet the standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress \(SAP\)](#).

- Students who fall within the academic probation category at the end of any semester will be limited to enrolling in no more than 14 hours in the following semester.
- ~~A student on academic probation is expected to show satisfactory academic progress by the end of the next semester, regardless of the number of hours attempted.~~ Satisfactory academic progress is generally defined as [improvement in the GPA earned at the end of each semester during the probationary period, completing 67% of all attempted hours \(excluding transfer hours\) towards the completion of his or her degree program. This is determined by dividing the number of credit hours successfully completed, defined as having earned a D- or better, by the total number of credit hours actually attempted.](#) ~~A student is expected to be in good academic standing within 30 credit hours after being placed on academic probation.~~
- When a student is placed on academic probation, it is the responsibility of the student to arrange regular meetings with his or her academic advisor [or department chair/director](#) to consider specific academic intervention strategies.

[Students should refer to the Scholarships and Financial Aid \(OSFA\) section related to Policy on Return of Title IV Funds for information about how academic probation impacts financial aid eligibility.](#)

Academic Dismissal

Academic Dismissal may result from any of the following:

- Students who do not meet the minimum grade point requirement for retention at the conclusion of the spring semester will be academically ineligible. The student will be allowed to make up deficiencies during this university's summer sessions immediately following the spring semester in which the ineligibility was declared.
- If a student is not in good academic standing at the conclusion of the summer sessions, the student will be dismissed from the university and will not be permitted to enroll for two consecutive regular semesters (fall and spring).
- Full-time (at least 12 hours) students who earn a 0.0 GPA in any semester will be dismissed from the university and will not be permitted to enroll for two consecutive regular semesters.
- Full-time students (at least 12 hours) who do not earn at least a 1.00 semester GPA and pass at least nine academic hours in any semester will be reviewed by the appropriate dean to determine academic eligibility.
- Readmission in both cases above is contingent upon the results of the Re-enrollment Review.
- If a student is allowed to re-enroll, he/she must see an academic advisor before registering for classes. See also [Admissions - Former Students](#) (Re-enrolling).
- Academically dismissed students may enroll in any summer session.

Students who have been academically dismissed for the first time may seek administrative review of mitigating circumstances for authorization to enroll in the following semester under an academic contract.

Students seeking a review must submit the required appeal form and a written statement outlining their circumstance to the [appropriate associate dean or University College director](#). The appeal must be submitted to the appropriate dean within 10 days after the end of the last semester (spring or summer) in which a student is registered. Students must understand that the submission of an appeal does not guarantee the student will be allowed to enroll. The appeal process may take several days to be completed.

After a second declaration of academic dismissal, eligibility for continued residence can be restored only by completion of sufficient work during the summer sessions at the University of North Carolina Wilmington. [Students should refer to the Scholarships and Financial Aid \(OSFA\) section related to Policy on Return of Title IV Funds for information about how academic dismissal impacts financial aid eligibility.](#)