

Modification of Academic Standing Regulations

Effective Fall 2010

For 2009-2010, the Academic Standing Board will apply the more favorable of the current and new regulations when reviewing student records.

Following consideration by the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Education, the Faculty Senate voted on December 21, 2009 to adopt new regulations for determining the academic standing of undergraduate students at Case Western Reserve University. The document below summarizes the principles that informed the review of the current academic standing regulations and the revisions, and then provides a comparison of the current and new regulations. For ease of comparison, the document is organized to focus on various subsets of students: full-time students beyond the first year, first-year students, new transfer students, part-time students, students enrolled at CWRU for the summer term, students returning from separation, and transient students. The new regulations are shown in **boldface** in the left column and current practice is shown on the right.

Note that in each category below, the definitions of Probation Incomplete and Ineligible to Register will remain the same, but will be based on the new standards for Probation and Separation, respectively.

Some simple principles to guide the shape of academic standing rules

1. We should give students a great deal of freedom to organize their lives at the University and only intervene and limit their freedom in extreme cases.
2. When the student moves beyond the acceptable range, we should respond quickly.
3. We should be quick to move students back to good standing when they are once again performing in the acceptable range.
4. The rules should be easy for students to understand and easy to administer.
5. As a benchmark, we should expect that a full-time student arriving at the University with no transfer or AP credit can complete a degree in eight regular (fall/spring) semesters; this means that a student should be expected to be able to successfully complete 15-17 credit-hours in a semester.

NEW REGULATIONS

CURRENT PRACTICE

FULL-TIME STUDENTS BEYOND THE FIRST YEAR:

<p>The requirements for good standing are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. a semester grade point average of 2.000 or higher; and2. a minimum of 12 credit-hours earned in the immediately preceding semester. <p>Students who, at the end of any semester, fail to maintain the standard of performance for good standing are placed on probation.</p>	<p>“Following the first year, the requirements for good standing for full-time students are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. a semester grade point average of 2.000 or higher <i>and</i>2. a cumulative grade point average of 2.000 or higher <i>and</i>3. a minimum of nine credit-hours earned each semester <i>and</i>4. an average of 12 credit-hours earned each semester during two consecutive semesters of full time enrollment. <p>Students who, at the end of any semester, fail to maintain the standards of performance required for good standing as specified above will be placed on probation.”</p>
<p>Students on academic probation who fail to return to good standing at the end of the subsequent semester are eligible for separation for at least two academic sessions, including the summer session.</p>	<p>“Students on academic probation who fail to meet the standard of improvement established by the colleges will be eligible to be separated from the colleges for at least two academic sessions, including the summer session.”</p>
<p>A student is eligible for separation without a semester of probation for either of the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The student’s semester grade point average is less than 1.000; or2. The student has not earned at least 9 credit-hours in that semester.	<p>“A student is eligible for separation without a semester of probation for either of the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The student’s semester grade point average is less than 1.000.2. The student has not earned at least 19 credit hours in two consecutive semesters of full-time enrollment.”

FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS:

<p>First-year students are expected to meet the same 2.000 GPA standard as all other students. However, they need to earn only 9 credit-hours in the first semester to maintain good standing; beginning in the second semester, they are held to the same 12 credit-hour standard as upperclass students.</p>	<p>“In order to maintain good academic standing, a first year undergraduate [defined as the first two semesters of enrollment for students who are beginning their college studies] must earn at Case a minimum of 9 hours and an average of 1.700 or higher in the first semester and a total of 21 hours with a cumulative average of 1.75 or higher by the end of the second semester of full-time enrollment.”</p>
<p>First-semester students are subject to separation without already being on probation if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The student’s semester grade point average is less than 1.000; AND2. The student has not earned at least 9 credit-hours in that semester.	<p>First-year students are not eligible for separation at the end of the first semester and are eligible for separation at the end of the second semester only if they were placed on probation at the end of the first semester.</p>

NEW TRANSFER STUDENTS:

New transfer students in the first semester are treated in the same way as new first-year students.	New transfer students are subject to the rules for upperclass students.
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PART-TIME STUDENTS:

A student who registers for a part-time semester will be in good standing if he or she earns a semester GPA of at least 2.000. A student who fails to meet this GPA standard will be placed on probation. Part-time students are not eligible for separation without already being on probation, but become eligible for separation if they fail to earn good standing for two consecutive semesters.	We do not review part-time students until they have completed sufficient semesters to total a full-time semester. They are then reviewed on the basis of a composite of those semesters.
A full-time student placed on probation who subsequently enrolls as a part-time student will not be reviewed for further academic action until she or he has completed sufficient semesters to total at least 12 attempted credit-hours. At that time, the student will be reviewed on the basis of a composite of those semesters.	As above, students who enroll as part-time students are not reviewed until they have completed sufficient semesters to total a full-time semester and are then reviewed on the basis of a composite of those semesters.
Similarly, a student who goes on probation as a part-time student will not be reviewed for further academic action until she or he has completed sufficient semesters to total at least the number of credit-hours attempted in the semester for which the student was placed on probation. At that time, the student will be reviewed on the basis of a composite of those semesters and will be expected to have earned at least the number of credit-hours attempted in the semester for which she or he was placed on probation.	Ditto.

SUMMER ENROLLMENT AT CWRU:

<p>Students will not be reviewed for academic action at the end of the summer term except in the following two situations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A student on probation as of the end of the spring semester will be returned to good standing at the end of the summer term if she or he has completed at least 6 credit-hours at CWRU with a summer GPA of at least 2.000. 2. Nursing students who enroll for a full course load (at least 12 credit-hours) that includes the capstone course during the summer term will be reviewed according to the standards of a regular fall or spring semester. 	We review only the records of students already on probation who complete at least 6 credit-hours during the summer session at CWRU. At that time, we look at a composite of the spring and summer as a new semester following the spring and the student is either returned to good standing or eligible for separation.
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STUDENTS WHO WERE PREVIOUSLY SEPARATED:

<p>A student who has been readmitted from separation will be held to the same academic standards as outlined above (e.g. a full-time student who earns fewer than 12 credit-hours with a GPA between 1.000 and 2.000 will be placed on probation). A second separation under the above standards will ordinarily be permanent.</p>	<p>“Students being readmitted after being separated must thereafter maintain good academic standing. A readmitted student who performs below the level required for good standing will be eligible for permanent separation from the University.”</p>
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TRANSIENT STUDENTS:

<p>Transient students are expected to perform at the same academic standards as degree-candidates. In particular, transient students whose records would make them eligible for separation as degree-candidates may not continue as transient students unless they successfully petition the Academic Standing Board.</p>	<p>“The privilege of enrolling as a visiting student for more than one semester is subject to the following limitations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. A minimum grade point average of “C” must be maintained.b. All visiting students are limited to a maximum of 30 semester hours as visiting students and may not register in more than five semesters, summer session included.” <p>(Application for Enrollment)</p>
<p>A degree-candidate from another institution may not enroll as a transient student at CWRU if the student would not be eligible to enroll for that semester at his or her home institution. Exceptions may be granted by appeal to the Academic Standing Board.</p>	<p>“Before enrollment, the transient student must present a statement of good standing from the registrar of his or her home college.” (General Bulletin)</p>