

Regulation of Florida A&M University



4.012 Levels of Academic Standing for Undergraduate Students.

This Regulation follows the academic standards of the University and requires the maintenance of grade point averages and reasonable conformance to a program of study. Schools and colleges may choose not to consider students for admission and may deny continuation in a degree program if the students fail to maintain reasonable academic progress, as specified by the college, school or department.

- (1) **Good Academic Standing.** Florida A&M University considers a student in good standing if he or she is eligible to continue or to re-enroll at the University.
- (2) **Academic Warning.** Academic warning occurs when a student's cumulative grade point average (GPA) is below 2.0 for the first time during their enrollment. A student on Academic Warning will have a hold placed on the student's registration until he or she has met with an academic advisor and developed an academic plan of study to improve their GPA.
- (3) **Academic Probation.** When a continuing student who was previously placed on Academic Warning fails to achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater, or whose cumulative GPA again falls below a GPA of 2.0, the student will be placed on Academic Probation. A continuing student is a student enrolled in his or her second semester or thereafter at the University. Students who have been placed on Academic Probation may not register for more than fifteen (15) semester hours. In addition, a hold is placed on the student's registration until the student has met with an advisor and developed an academic plan of study to improve his or her GPA. A student who is on probation and whose cumulative GPA does not rise to a 2.0 or above at the end of the semester in which they are enrolled will be placed on academic suspension.

(4) Academic Suspension and Appeal.

(a) **Academic Suspension.** A student on Academic Probation whose cumulative GPA remains below a 2.0 at the end of the current semester in which he or she is enrolled will be placed on Academic Suspension. A student on Academic Suspension is not in good academic standing at the University. The student will receive written notice of the Academic Suspension along with information regarding the Readmission Appeal Process.

(b) **Appeals.** All petitions for readmission are forwarded to the University Academic Appeals Committee for review. The University Academic Appeals Committee's decision is final. The Academic Appeals Committee will notify the University Admissions Committee of all readmission appeal decisions.

1. **Extenuating Circumstances (Immediate) Appeal.** A student may immediately initiate the Readmission Appeal process in certain limited cases as provided in the Notice of Academic Suspension. This option is only available to those students who have extenuating circumstances as outlined in the Notice.

2. **Readmission Appeal.** If a student does not qualify to appeal the academic suspension upon receipt of the notice, or if a student was previously denied an appeal, the student will remain on Academic Suspension. During the student's Academic Suspension, the student will be required to fulfill the following conditions in order to resubmit an appeal:

- a. Suspension for at least two (2) consecutive semesters, excluding the summer semesters;
- b. A student must file a petition for readmission prior to the beginning of any semester in which they are eligible to return;
- c. Enroll and successfully complete the FAMU online Academic Success Course;
- d. Meet with an academic advisor to develop an individualized academic plan of study;
- e. Have a mathematical possibility of earning a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater in one semester;

- f. Other conditions as may be applicable on a case-by-case basis identified by the Academic Appeals Committee; and
 - g. Any college may specify additional academic standards and students are responsible for observing these regulations.
 - 3. **Readmission.** If the petition for readmission is approved, the student is placed back on Academic Probation and is eligible to reenroll at the University. The student must adhere to an individualized academic plan to maintain satisfactory academic progress.
 - 4. **Colleges, Schools, and Departments.** Colleges, Departments and/or Schools may deny continuation in a degree program if the student fails to maintain reasonable academic progress, as specified by the college, school or department.
- (5) **Academic Dismissal.** Academic Dismissal occurs when a student who was previously on Academic Suspension was readmitted but the student failed to maintain a GPA of a 2.0 or greater. Students who have been placed on Academic Dismissal are not allowed to reenroll at FAMU. However, a student who had not earned an Associate of Arts (AA) degree from a Florida Public State College (also known as “community college”) prior to entering FAMU, has the option of applying for readmission to FAMU by attaining an AA degree at a State College. After successful completion of the AA degree, the student may apply for readmission at FAMU. As part of the reinstatement process, students may request that their cumulative GPA be reset after re-entry. The new cumulative GPA will begin immediately upon enrollment after being readmitted. All previous grades will remain on the student’s transcripts; however, they will not be calculated into the student’s cumulative GPA. For honors purposes, all grades, including grades earned prior to the academic dismissal, will be considered. Students are required to check with the Office of Financial Aid to determine if any additional criteria is required in order to retain/maintain their eligibility for financial aid.
- (6) **Effective Date.** This regulation is effective with the Fall 2016 semester and later cohort of students. Students entering the University prior to the Fall 2016 semester

are subject to the Levels of Academic Standing policy in effect at the time of their matriculation.

Specific Authority: Article IX, section 7(c), Florida Constitution, and Board of Governors Regulation 1.001. History: New July 10, 2014. 4.012 Levels of Academic Standing for Undergraduate Students. Amended June 11, 2016.