

Academic Standing Considerations

Students are evaluated after fall, spring, and summer terms to make sure they are making successful progress towards a degree. Academic Standing is a value put on a student's record after each semester based on probation/suspension rules set up by institutions and colleges.

Academic Rules:

Previous Term Academic Standing Value		Cumulative GPA		Cumulative Term GPA		Academic Standing Value
Good Standing	&	greater than 2.0	&	greater than 2.0	=	GOOD
Good Standing or none	&	less than 2.0	or	less than 2.0	=	PRB1
PRB1, PRB2, or DISM	&	less than 2.0	or	less than 2.0	=	PRB2
PRB1, PRB2, or DISM	&	less than 2.0	&	less than 2.0	=	DISM

Note: You may see the values PRAD or PRBH on a student's record. Please do not change these values, as they are historical and the system knows how to calculate academic standing using them.

Probation Considerations:

- Colleges with more stringent probation rules may put students on probation with higher GPA's than the base probation policy. If that student then changes colleges, the new home college will need to be aware of the old home college's probation rules.

Suspension Considerations:

- If a student is suspended, they will not be allowed to take classes for at least one academic year.
- While a student is suspended they may not receive financial aid.
- If a student is suspended, their program plan information should be updated to reflect their suspension from their college.
- It is important for a college to review the students who are identified as suspended BEFORE financial aid is disbursed for the following term. It can be a very short window of time between terms.
- If a student returns from being suspended, they will remain on probation for at least one term. This is monitored by the PC service indicator, not by academic standing.

Returning Students:

Nearly all undergraduate students, including inactive students, have an Academic Standing status on their record. This is a change from when Academic Standing was initially implemented, at which time only active students had Academic Standing placed on their record.

What does this mean going forward? If and when a student returns to the University, the Academic Standing process will run automatically for that student at the end of the term of their return. There is no longer the need for staff to evaluate and manually update a returning student's Academic Standing status.

Questions? Contact srhelp@umn.edu

Financial Aid/SAP:

- Service indicators will no longer contribute to the Satisfactory Academic Progress process.
- If a student has an Academic Standing value of DISM (Dismissal/Suspension), financial aid will not disburse for the term(s) the student is on suspension from their college.
- If a student has a Academic Standing value of DISM and has successfully appealed for a term, the Academic Standing must be changed to PRB2 for that semester, or financial aid will NOT disburse. Remember: current term Academic Standing affects the next term.
- The SAP process monitors students receiving financial aid for these three criteria per semester:
 - cumulative GPA
 - percentage of completed credits per semester
 - maximum time frame to complete a degree
- Questions? Contact Deb Pusari in the Office of Student Finance; d-pusa@umn.edu or 4-3865

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