

Academic Standing and Progress toward the Degree

Academic standing refers to the quality of a student's academic work at the University. Academic Standing is computed twice a year - once at the end of the Spring semester, and once at the end of the Fall semester. Graduate and Credential students who have maintained satisfactory scholarship with at least a 3.00 cumulative grade point average are in good standing.

Students falling below acceptable standards are placed on academic probation and become subject to academic disqualification should the quality of their academic work not improve to meet minimum standards. There are two probationary and disqualification statuses to which students may be subject to: *academic* or *administrative*.

Academic Probation

A graduate, credential, or post-baccalaureate student is subject to academic probation if at any time the student's cumulative grade point average in all post-baccalaureate work attempted at SSU falls below 3.0. A graduate, credential, or post-baccalaureate student will be removed from academic probation when the student's cumulative grade point average in all post-baccalaureate work attempted at SSU is 3.0 or higher.

Academic Disqualification

A graduate, credential, or post-baccalaureate student may be subject to academic disqualification if, after the student has been on probation for at least one semester, the student's cumulative grade point average in all post-baccalaureate work attempted at SSU falls below 3.0.

Students are not academically disqualified from the University on the basis of a single semester of unsatisfactory work. A student who is academically disqualified is not permitted to register for or take courses at Sonoma State University, except through intersession or open university, from the time of disqualification until such time as the student is reinstated according to the procedures below.

Administrative-Academic Probation

A student may be placed on administrative-academic probation for

- withdrawal from a substantial portion of a program in two successive terms (for reasons other than a chronic or recurring medical condition);
- repeated failure to progress toward a degree; or
- failure to comply, after due notice, with an academic requirement or regulation that is routine for all students or for a defined group of students, such as failure to complete a required CSU or SSU examination, failure to complete a required practicum, failure to comply with professional standards appropriate to the field of study.

Administrative-Academic Disqualification

A student may be placed in administrative-academic disqualified status if the student fails to remedy the condition resulting in administrative-academic probation; if the student becomes subject to academic probation while on administrative-academic probation; or if the student becomes subject to administrative-academic probation for the same or similar reason for which the student has been placed on administrative-academic probation previously even if the student is not current on administrative-academic probation.

In addition, a student may be disqualified if, at any time during enrollment, he/she has demonstrated behavior so contrary to the standards of the profession for which the student is preparing as to render him/her unfit for the profession. In such cases, disqualification will occur immediately upon notice to the student, and the student may be immediately disenrolled from the university.

Reinstatement after Disqualification

Students who have been disqualified may not apply for immediate reinstatement. Graduate, credential, or post-baccalaureate students who have been disqualified must reapply to their department and the university for admission.

Disqualified students who are reinstated will be on a probationary basis and must meet any requirements outlined in the reinstatement letter by the University Standards Committee.