



Satisfactory Academic Progress for Bachelor's Degrees

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1.0 Purpose

This policy lists the requirements for continued enrollment based on academic eligibility.

2.0 Policy

2.1 Continued Enrollment

Continued enrollment in the University is a privilege that is granted as long as the student is making satisfactory progress toward a degree.

All students must meet the following minimum criteria to be certified as making satisfactory progress toward a degree.

1. Have an overall GPA at or above that specified in the academic eligibility schedule (determined at the end of the spring semester).
2. Upon having attempted 36 semester credits (including transfer, advanced placement, advanced standing and credit by examination), students must have passed at least 12 semester credits that apply to meeting the University Core Curriculum requirements.
3. Upon having attempted 72 semester credits (including transfer, advanced placement, advanced standing, and credit by examination) students must:
 - a. Have passed at least 24 semester credits which apply to meeting the University Core Curriculum requirements, and
 - b. Be enrolled in a degree-granting program, and
 - c. Be certified at the close of the academic year by their department as making satisfactory progress toward a degree based upon pre-established minimum criteria (from departmental check sheets) that must be met for departmental certification.
4. Upon having attempted 96 semester credits (including transfer, advanced placement, advanced standing and credit by examination), students must have an in-major GPA of 2.0000 or above.

Students who have not met conditions in 2, 3a, 3b and 4 for eligibility for continued enrollment will be declared by their academic dean to be ineligible to register or return at the end of any academic semester for a specified period of time to be determined by the academic dean. Students who have not met condition 3c may be declared by their academic dean to be ineligible to register or return at the end of any academic semester for a specified period of time to be determined by the academic dean. Even though a student has a GPA at or above the academic eligibility schedule, the student may be placed on academic suspension by the academic dean if the student has an overall GPA of less than 2.0 and if the accumulative GPA is progressively reduced in successive semesters. Under extenuating circumstances, exceptions to these policies may be made by the student's academic dean.



2.1.1 Other Policies

This section is not intended to supersede the policies of individual colleges. Any college or department may develop, adopt, publish and adhere to the policies that are in addition to this policy with the approval of the Commission on Undergraduate Studies & Policies.

2.2 Associate and Undergraduate Academic Eligibility

2.2.1 Students Enrolled Beginning Fall 2000

Students who maintain the required minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 are considered to be in good academic standing with the university and are eligible for continued enrollment at Virginia Tech absent any violations of policies outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

An academic warning shall be imposed when a student earns less than a 2.0 term GPA, but with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher. No notation will appear of the academic transcript. Students on academic warning will be required to sign an academic contract acknowledging that their performance is not meeting University standards and stating what actions they are committed to taking to improve performance. Students who fail to successfully complete an academic action plan may be prohibited from future enrollment by the appropriate Undergraduate Academic Dean.

Academic probation shall be imposed when cumulative GPA is less than 2.00.

A student on probation:

- May take no more than 16 credits per semester;
- May be required (at the discretion of individual Colleges) to
 1. consult with an advisor before beginning a probationary semester, and
 2. to sign an academic contract acknowledging that their performance is not meeting University standards and stating what actions they are committed to taking to improve performance.

Academic probation will be lifted when cumulative GPA is at least 2.00.

2.3 Academic Suspensions

2.3.1 Suspension Under Academic Eligibility Policy (Section 2.2.1)

First suspension will be imposed when a student has two consecutive semesters (Fall and Spring) with a cumulative GPA below 2.00.

First Suspension: A student who is placed on first academic suspension at the end of a fall or spring semester will be suspended from continued enrollment through the end of the subsequent fall or spring semester. A student must earn a minimum 2.00 semester GPA the first semester back and raise their cumulative GPA to at least 2.00 by the end of the second semester back or earn a minimum 2.50 semester GPA for every subsequent semester following the suspension until cumulative GPA is 2.00 or greater.

Second Suspension: A student who is placed on second academic suspension at the end of a fall or spring semester will be suspended from continued enrollment for two consecutive academic semesters (spring, fall).



Note: Students are not eligible for enrollment in the summer or winter term immediately following a suspension going into effect.

Final Suspension: A student will be permanently dismissed for failure to meet returning performance requirements after a second academic suspension.

2.3.2 Credits from Other Institutions

A student may not receive credit for course work taken at another college or university during any period in which the student specifically has been suspended by Virginia Tech for academic or disciplinary reasons.

2.3.3 Readmission

A student whose GPA is below 2.0 must obtain his dean's approval before returning to school.

2.3 Appeals

Students who are suspended have the right to appeal their suspension to the University Appeals Committee. The University Appeals Committee is comprised of the associate deans of undergraduate studies of the academic colleges and one faculty member appointed by the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs. Students must complete an academic appeal petition and submit all required documentation to the associate dean of their college by the published college deadline. Failure to meet the published deadline may result in the loss of opportunity to appeal.

3.0 Procedures

4.0 Definitions

5.0 References

6.0 Approval and Revisions

Approved August 22, 1990, by the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, James F. Wolfe.

- Revision 1
 - Added information about continued academic eligibility and making satisfactory progress toward a degree, per President's Policy Memorandum 91.
 - Added information about continued academic eligibility and when a student may enroll to make up academic deficiencies when placed on probation. Section 2.4 was added to expand on the appeal process. Additions per President's Policy Memorandum 113.

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- **Revision 2**
Added Sections 2.2.2 and 2.3.2 to reflect new academic eligibility policy.
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- **Revision 3**
 - References to “QCA” changed to “GPA” throughout policy.
 - References to the “Old” Undergraduate Academic Eligibility Policy, in effect for students entering prior to Fall 1997, removed from policy.
 - Section 5. References – Reference #8, Policy Memorandum No. 191, added to section.Approved April 17, 2002 by Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, David R. Ford.

- **Revision 4**
 - Technical update to incorporate information about continuing undergraduate eligibility listed in President’s Policy Memorandum 191 and 272. This update also retires President’s Policy Memoranda 35, 36, 91, 191 and 272.Approved August 24, 2023 by University Registrar, Rick Sparks.