

Standards of Progress (Academic Probation and Suspension)

These standards of progress shall apply to all students unless otherwise noted. Exceptions: Programs within the institution which are subject to external licensure, certification, and/or accreditation or which are fewer than two semesters in length may have higher standards of progress than the institutional standards of progress.

1. Selected transfer students will be placed on Academic Probation upon admission and must transition to these standards of academic progress.
2. Special standards of academic progress have been established for students enrolled in institutional credit courses carrying optional grades and for students who wish to remain eligible to receive Title IV financial aid.

A. Standards of Progress Policy

Required GPA levels for students according to number of hours attempted at the institution:

1. Students who have attempted 12 - 21 credit hours at the institution must maintain a 1.5 Cumulative Grade Point Average.
2. Students who have attempted 22 - 32 credit hours at the institution must maintain a 1.75 Cumulative Grade Point Average.
3. Students who have attempted 33 or more credit hours at the institution must maintain a 2.0 Cumulative Grade Point Average.

B. Intervention for Student Success

When a student is placed on Academic Probation, One Semester Academic Suspension, or One Calendar Year Academic Suspension, college officials may provide intervention for the student by taking steps, including but not limited to, imposing maximum course loads, requiring a study skills course, and/or prescribing other specific courses.

C. Changes in Program of Study

During matriculation at Wallace Community College Selma, a student may change his/her major program of study only three (3) times.

D. Application of Standards of Progress

1. When the Cumulative GPA is at or above the GPA required for the total number of credit hours attempted at the institution, the student's status is "Clear".
2. When a student's Cumulative GPA is below the GPA required for the number of credit hours attempted at the institution, the student is placed on Academic Probation.
3. When the Cumulative GPA of a student who is on Academic Probation remains below the GPA required for the total number of credit hours attempted at the institution but the Semester GPA is 2.0 or above, the student remains on Academic Probation.
When the Cumulative GPA of a student who is on Academic Probation remains below the GPA required for the total number of credit hours attempted at the institution and the Semester GPA is below 2.0, the student is suspended for one semester. The transcript will read **Academic Suspension – One Semester**. When the Cumulative GPA is at or above the required GPA for the total number of credit hours attempted at the institution, the student's status is "Clear."
4. The student who is suspended for one semester may appeal. If, after appeal, the student is readmitted without serving the one-semester suspension, the transcript will read **Academic Suspension – One Semester/ Readmitted Upon Appeal**. The student who is readmitted upon appeal re-enters the institution on Academic Probation. The student who serves one semester on academic suspension re-enters the institution on Academic Probation.
5. A student who is on Academic Probation after being suspended for one semester (whether the student has served the suspension or has been readmitted upon appeal) without having since

achieved clear academic status and whose cumulative GPA falls below the level required for the total number of hours attempted at the institution but whose semester GPA is 2.0 or above will remain on Academic Probation.

6. A student who is on Academic Probation after being suspended for one semester (whether the student has served the suspension or has been readmitted upon appeal) without having since achieved Clear academic status and whose Cumulative GPA remains below the level required for the total number of hours attempted at the institution and whose Semester GPA is below 2.0 will be suspended for one calendar year. The transcript will read Academic Suspension – One Year.
7. The student suspended for one calendar year may appeal. If, upon appeal, the student is readmitted, the transcript will read Academic Suspension–One Year/Readmitted upon appeal.
8. The student who is readmitted upon appeal re-enters the institution on Academic Probation. The student who serves the calendar suspension re-enters the institution on Academic Probation.

All applicable academic designations except Clear will appear on the student's transcript.

E. The process of Appeal for Readmission

A student may be considered for readmission after suspension only upon appeal to the Grievance and Appeal Committee. The Grievance and Appeal Committee consists of the Dean of Instruction, the Dean of Students, the Student Support Services Counselor, the President of the Student Government Association, and a member of the Student Government Association.