Academic Policies

Fall semester 2011, Georgia Southern University implemented a new Undergraduate Academic Standing Policy. A student shall be in good academic standing unless he/she has been suspended or excluded from the University and not readmitted. At the end of Fall 2011 semester, all students whose total institution GPA was below 2.0 were placed on Warning 1 (W1) at the beginning of their next semester of enrollment. Key parts of the new policies are as follows:

1. Academic standing will be determined by coursework completed at Georgia Southern University; transfer credit will not be considered.
2. All students will be allowed one approved appeal to the Academic Standards Committee or Dean of his/her college beginning Fall semester 2011.
3. Any student (including transfer hours) with 30 or fewer overall earned credit hours whose total institution GPA is below 2.0 at the end of a semester will be placed on Academic Intervention and will be required to meet certain restrictions in order to enroll, including:
   a. Enrolling in Methods of Learning (GSU 1120), until satisfactorily (grade of “S”) completed or a 2.0 total institution GPA is earned;
   b. Restricted enrollment of 14 credit hours while enrolled in Methods of Learning (GSU 1120);
   c. Meeting regularly with an advisor.
4. A student whose total institution GPA falls below 2.0 at the end of a semester will be subject to the Academic Standing policy:
   a. Warning 1 (W1) - notice that academic probation and subsequent exclusion from the University will follow unless the quality of academic work improves
      • Imposed at the end of the first semester of enrollment in which the student’s total institution GPA drops below a 2.0 GPA.
      • A student on Warning 1 (W1) will be allowed to continue a maximum of two semesters of enrollment before being placed on Exclusion (E1) if the total institution GPA does not reach 2.0 or higher.
      • A student who raises his/her total institution GPA to 2.0 and later earns a total institution GPA below 2.0 will again be placed on Warning 1 (W1).
   b. Probation 1 (P1) - notice that Exclusion (E1) from the University will follow unless the quality of academic work improves
      • Imposed when a student on Warning 1 (W1) does not raise his/her total institution GPA to 2.0 or higher by the end of the Warning 1 (W1) semester
      • A student on Probation 1 (P1) will be allowed to continue one semester of enrollment before being placed on Exclusion (E1) if the total institution GPA does not reach 2.0 or higher.
      • A student who raises his/her total institution GPA to 2.0 and later earns a total institution GPA below 2.0 will again be placed on Warning 1 (W1).
   c. Exclusion 1 (E1) - imposed when a student with a Probation 1 (P1) Academic Standing does not raise his/her total institution GPA to 2.0 or higher by the end of the Probation 1 (P1) semester
      • Exclusion 1 (E1) allows the student to reflect on his/her academic status
      • Exclusion 1 (E1) is for one calendar year (three semesters)
      • Appeals to Exclusion 1 (E1) may be submitted to the Academic Standards Committee; if denied, appeals must be made through the Dean of a student’s college.
      • If a student earns a 2.0 or better GPA for the last two semesters before Exclusion 1 (E1) or if the student is less than ten quality points away from a 2.0 total institution GPA, the student will be allowed to continue enrollment for the following semester without submitting an appeal. His/her registration will not be canceled; however, this exception will count as the one and only approved appeal.
5. A student will be allowed no more than one approved appeal to the Academic Standards Committee or Dean of his/her college.
   a. If an appeal is approved, the student will be readmitted to the University.
   b. Once readmitted, a student will be allowed to continue a maximum of three semesters of enrollment if his/her total institution GPA remains below 2.0.
6. If a student is readmitted after being placed on Exclusion 1 (E1), his/her academic standing will be Warning 2 (W2) if the total institutional GPA does not reach 2.0 or better by the end of his/her first semester of re-enrollment.
   a. Warning 2 (W2)
      • Serves as notice that Academic Probation and subsequent Exclusion from the University will follow unless the quality of academic work improves.
      • A student on Exclusion 1 (E1) has been readmitted, he/she will be placed on Warning 1 (W2) at the end of the first semester if the total institution GPA remains below 2.0.
      • A student will be allowed to continue a maximum of two semesters of enrollment before being placed on Exclusion 2 (E2) if his/her total institution GPA does not reach 2.0 or higher.
      • A student who raises his/her total institution GPA to 2.0 and later earns a total institution GPA below 2.0 will again be placed on Warning 2 (W2).
   b. Probation 2 (P2)
      • Serves as final notice that Exclusion 2 (E2) from the University will follow unless the quality of the academic work improves.
      • A student on Warning 2 (W2) who does not bring his/her total institution GPA to 2.0 or higher at the end of the semester will be placed on Probation 2 (P2).
      • After being placed on Probation 2 (P2), a student will be allowed to continue only one semester before being placed on Exclusion 2 (E2) if the total institution GPA remains below 2.0.
      • A student who raises his/her total institution GPA to 2.0 and later earns a total institution GPA below 2.0 will again be placed on Warning 2 (W2).
   c. A student on Probation 2 (P2) whose total institution GPA does not reach 2.0 or higher by the end of the semester will be placed on Exclusion 2 (E2), the final exclusion imposed on a student who has previously been excluded.
      • The student is dismissed from Georgia Southern University for three years.
      • Appeals to continue before three years have passed are approved only in extraordinary circumstances.
      • Appeals must be filed within three semesters of being placed on Exclusion 2 (E2).
      • Appeals are allowed only if the student has not received an approved appeal previously.
      • Appeals must be made to the Academic Standards Committee or Dean of a student’s college.
      • If a student makes a 2.0 or better for the last two semesters before Exclusion 2 (E2), the Academic Standards Committee will approve for the student to continue without submitting an appeal only if the student did not receive an approved appeal after Exclusion 1 (E1).