

Academic Probation and Suspension

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External GPA

- **EXTERNAL GPA**
 - All grades from EVERY course the student has taken is calculated into EXTERNAL GPA
 - Used to determine Academic Probation and Suspension as well as academic honors and class standing
 - Must be a 2.000



Internal GPA

- INTERNAL GPA

- Repeated courses are only counted once. The second grade is calculated into internal GPA.
- Determines graduation eligibility, some program admissions, and eligibility to participate in some extracurricular and co-curricular activities
- Must be a 2.000 to graduate

A young man with dark hair, wearing a denim jacket over a dark shirt and light-colored pants, stands on the left side of the frame. He is holding a white folder or book. In the background, there is a stack of several books. The entire scene is set against a warm, golden-brown background with a subtle grid pattern and a circular logo in the top right corner.

Semester GPA

- SEMESTER GPA
 - GPA that includes the grades from only ONE particular semester.
 - This must be at least a 2.000 to keep students on academic probation from being suspended.

Academic Probation

- Cumulative External GPA is 10 or more quality points below a 2.0
- Formula
 - When hours pursued X 2 exceeds quality pts by 10 or more the student is placed on academic probation
- A student will remain on probation as long as a 2.0 semester GPA is earned
- When the student's cumulative external GPA returns to a 2.0 academic probation will be removed
- A student who does not maintain a 2.0 semester GPA while on Academic Probation will be suspended
- Students are allowed to graduate while on probation if cum. internal GPA is at least a 2.0

Probation to Suspension

- Students can appeal their suspension-first or multiple
- The appeal process is basically the same for both
 - Completion of form attached to a typed letter of explanation
 - Students with multiple suspensions are required to provide more documentation
- Forms and suggestions can be found on the Nicholls website under Academics
- Registration holds are in place until the appeal is denied or granted



Suspension Appeal Process

- Letter of explanation and form is mailed to student's address
- First suspension appeals are reviewed in University College
- Multiple suspensions are reviewed by Academic Policies and Standards
- Hold is removed and the student is allowed to register if appeal is granted

Conditions of waiver of suspension

- Student's appeal request when granted always has conditions or recommendations
- Most common are:
 - Seeing their advisor
 - Meeting with instructor
 - Making arrangements with TAEC
 - Seeking help from the Counseling Center
 - Limitation on hours enrolled
 - Attending a community college



University College Initiatives

- Advisors are notified as to which of their advisees are on probation
- Students are contacted and enrolled in a special Blackboard “course”
- Students must meet with an advisor to review their Academic Progress Plan
- Staff advisors track students to determine if the conditions set forth in their appeal have been met and have logged in to complete Blackboard assignments
- This information is brought to the committee and is used in determining if the appeal will be granted if the student is suspended again
- Data is generated as to gender, race, classification, etc. of students suspended

Quirks of Probation and Suspension

- Probation and suspension are based on external GPA
- Students do not have access to their external GPA
- Students are notified of their probationary status through an email from Records
- Correct address and routine check of email is important