

April 30, 2024

To the John Carroll University community:

The University Committee on Educational Policies is asking for public comment on proposed revisions to the Undergraduate Academic Standing Policy. The current policy is accessible at the following link – [Undergraduate Academic Standing Policy](#)

Proposed additions are indicated in red in the following pages and no deletions are being proposed.

The first revision addresses participation in extracurricular activities—bringing it to the top of the policy and framing it in terms of Good Standing, rather than keeping it embedded only within the section on Academic Probation.

Next, as a substantial revision to the current policy, the Committee is asking for community input on a change to the sanction standards in a student’s first term of attendance. Specifically, if a student earns from a 1.76 to a 1.99 GPA in their first term, they would be placed on Academic Warning rather than Probation. Under current policy, given that the first term GPA is the same as the cumulative GPA, students who earn less than 2.0 in their first term are immediately under the Probation status.

In an attempt to support students in their first term who encountered some difficulties in their coursework, this change would maintain the standards of Good Academic Standing at a 2.0, but would reduce the sanction level for students in this situation. So, as is the case with current policy, a student earning from 1.76 to 1.99 would still be considered “not in good standing” for purposes of extracurricular activities, but would also not be immediately given the status of Probation.

The final change below clarifies in the Probation section that a student may be under Academic Probation for up to two semesters before they are subject to Suspension. While this was already indicated in the policy, it was only mentioned in the policy’s section on Suspension, rather than in both locations.

Please review the proposed revisions and submit comments via the Google form that accompanies this policy on UCEP’s policy review page. This proposed policy will be posted through the end of the day on June 30, 2024.

Best regards,

Meghan Gibbons on behalf of the University Committee on Educational Policies

Good Academic Standing

Students maintain Good Academic Standing at the University by earning a cumulative 2.0 grade point average (GPA) or better. Grade point averages are computed to two decimal places and truncated, not rounded.

The University issues academic sanctions to students not in Good Academic Standing as a means to support successful degree completion. These sanctions, including Academic Warning, Academic Probation, and Suspension, alert students to renew their focus and attention on their educational progress and plans.

The University reserves the right to consider other indicators of satisfactory progress toward degree completion in its determination of academic sanctions. These indicators include unsatisfactory grade point average in the major (as required by the department) or all Boler courses (below a 2.0 GPA), multiple course Failures and Withdrawals, or failure to satisfactorily complete at least 67% of overall attempted credit hours.

NOTE: Some departments require a higher GPA for students in their majors. Students should consult with their respective departments for information on the GPA requirement to be admitted to or to continue in their major.

Participation in Extracurricular Activities

- Varsity student-athletes who are not in good academic standing may not compete nor travel with teams for competition. They may sit on the bench at home competitions, but not in uniform. In order to practice while not in good academic standing, a student may initiate a "Permission to Practice Procedure," which involves signatures of approval and must be processed in the Office of the Registrar. The student will be charged a season of eligibility for team practice. Summer team travel is permitted with Coach and Athletic Director approvals.
- Students who are not in good academic standing may not pledge a fraternity or sorority, or hold any elective or appointive office on campus.

Academic Warning

Students are placed on Academic Warning whenever their semester average drops below 2.0 while their cumulative average remains above this minimum.

There is one exception: first-semester students who have a GPA below 2.0 and above 1.75 will be placed on academic warning instead of academic probation.

Students may remain on Academic Warning for two consecutive semesters. Students who do not improve their academic record after two semesters on Warning may be placed on Academic Probation.

Students may not appeal the sanctions of Academic Warning and Probation.

Academic Probation

Students are placed on Academic Probation when their cumulative grade point average drops below a 2.0, or after they have been on Academic warning for two consecutive semesters. **However, first-semester students who have a GPA below 2.0 and above 1.75 will be placed on academic warning instead of academic probation.** Students on probation are subject to the following restrictions:

- Course registration is limited to 12-13 semester hours.
- Registration in a section of AS 1200 or the completion of 5 academic coaching sessions.
- Varsity student-athletes may not compete nor travel with teams for competition. They may sit on the bench at home competitions, but not in uniform. In order to practice while on Academic Probation, a student may initiate a "Permission to Practice Procedure," which involves signatures of approval and must be processed in the Office of the Registrar. The student will be charged a season of eligibility for team practice. Summer team travel is permitted with Coach and Athletic Director approvals.
- They may not pledge a fraternity or sorority, or hold any elective or appointive office on campus.

Students remain on Academic Probation for at least one semester until the 2.0 cumulative grade point average is earned. Probationary status may extend for up to two, consecutive semesters.

Students may not appeal the sanctions of Academic Probation.

Suspension

Students are subject to Suspension after two consecutive terms on Academic Probation. Students who are academically suspended are not eligible for readmission until at least one full Fall or Spring semester and one summer have elapsed.

Dismissal

A readmitted student who returns from Suspension and continues not to meet Good Academic Standing benchmarks will be dismissed from the University and is not eligible to apply for readmission as an undergraduate for five years from the date of dismissal.

Appeals

Students may not appeal the sanctions of Academic Warning and Probation. They may appeal academic Suspension and Dismissal by completing and submitting the Academic Sanction Appeals Form. Grounds for an appeal include GPA miscalculations, administrative error or extraordinary extenuating circumstances such as a serious health condition or situation, family emergency, or other external factors. The Appeals Form asks the student to provide an explanation of their plan to succeed in the upcoming semester. Appeals must be received within five business days of the

notification email sent date. Appeals will be evaluated by the Chair of the Academic Standing Committee and a committee of Associate Deans. Decisions on the appeal will be communicated within five business days of receipt of the appeal. Such decisions are final.

Readmission

Students returning to the University after an approved Leave of Absence will be contacted by the Office of the Registrar prior to the semester in which they indicated their return. Instructions on how to re-enroll will be provided at that time.

Students seeking to return to the University who do not have a valid or current Leave of Absence form on file, including students on Academic Probation or Suspension or students attempting to return after having been Academically Dismissed at least five years prior, must formally apply for readmission. Applicants for readmission who have attended other colleges or universities during their absence are required to provide official transcripts from each school attended. Official transcripts must be issued and sent directly to John Carroll from each college or university (we are unable to accept hand-delivered transcripts). Failure to report collegiate-level attendance that is transcribed at any institution will make a student liable for immediate dismissal.

Students who are readmitted are held to degree and curricular requirements in force at the time of their re-entrance to the University unless they are granted special approval by the appropriate Dean.

Students applying for readmission who were on Academic Suspension or were dismissed must fulfill all of the requirements stipulated in the Letter of Suspension or Dismissal before returning to John Carroll. They may apply for readmission by contacting the Office of Admission in the term prior to the semester they are eligible to return (e.g., apply in the fall semester for readmission in the spring). Readmission for those who were suspended is not guaranteed, and will not be granted prior to the required suspension period of one full Fall or Spring semester and one summer have elapsed. Readmission for those who were academically dismissed is also not guaranteed and students are only eligible to apply for readmission after five years from the date of dismissal. Readmission does not guarantee federal financial aid. Students should consult with the Office of Student Enrollment and Financial Services prior to their return to determine if they are making satisfactory academic progress towards their degree. The earliest a suspended student may return to the University and resume taking classes would be the semester immediately following the required period of suspension. The earliest a dismissed student may return to the University and resume taking classes would be the semester immediately following the five year period of dismissal.

Students returning from an Academic Suspension or Dismissal enroll for a probationary semester upon their return, as indicated in their readmission letter. Readmitted students may also be required to attend and pass an academic success course and be subject to credit hour and grade point average requirements for continued enrollment, as indicated in their readmission letter. Failure to meet the stipulations of the probationary semester will result in Dismissal.

For more information on the application process for readmission, please visit the Admission section of this Bulletin.