

Understanding Academic Probation & Subject to Disqualification

University academic standards require students to maintain a 2.0 cumulative and quarter grade point average. If you fall below that standard you are either on academic probation or you are subject to disqualification from the university.

What Do These Terms Mean?

Academic Probation: Your grade-point average (GPA) for the term or your cumulative GPA has fallen between 2.0 and 1.5.

Subject to Disqualification: Your GPA for the term or your cumulative GPA has fallen below 1.5. If you are on academic probation for 2 consecutive quarters, you are placed on Subject to Disqualification.

How Do I Meet the Terms of My Probation?

- You must bring your cumulative GPA up to a minimum of 2.0 or higher by the end of this quarter.
- You may not enroll in courses under the Pass/No Pass grade option during your probationary quarter. The deadline to change the grade option is Friday of the fourth week of classes.
- You should take no more than 12-14 units during your term of probation.
- You should repeat sequential courses in which you received a "D" or an "F".
- Failure to meet these terms will result in your continued status of Academic Probation and/or Subject to Dismissal from the university.

What steps can I take to return to good academic standing?

UNDERSTAND what academic probation means and what grades you need to return to good academic standing.

IDENTIFY the problems that led to your poor grades and get help in solving these problems.

CONSIDER all of your options including adjusting your course load, tutoring, cutting back on extracurricular activities, repeating grades of "D" or "F", counseling, etc.

ORGANIZE and plan your quarter.

KNOW the add, drop, and withdrawal deadlines

THINK POSITIVE and ***WORK HARD!***



Checklist for Students in Academic Difficulty

- Make an appointment with an academic counselor** to discuss your overall academic record, causes of current difficulties, correction of transcript errors, program planning, choice of major or re-evaluation of your course of study.
- Change courses taken on a P/NP basis to letter grade option.** (Taking courses P/NP will not improve your GPA.)
- If you receive a “D”, “F”, “NP” or “W” in a sequential course, DO NOT** enroll in the subsequent course. You should successfully repeat the first course in order to continue in the sequence. (Note: this is **NOT** true of MMW; you may continue in the sequence and re-take MMW 1 at a later date if you failed it.) “D” grades are considered passing and meet the requirement for ERC General Education requirements. However, many majors will not accept a “D” grade in a major required course so you must retake the class. Check with your major grade requirements at your department’s web site: <http://www.ucsd.edu/alpha/departments.html>
- If you receive any blank grades or “I” (Incomplete) grades**, make sure to discuss the situation with your instructor as soon as possible. It must be resolved before the end of the following quarter, or these grades will lapse into “F’s”.
- Remember that you have the option to repeat up to 16 units (or four courses) of “D” or “F”** grades in which the second grade will replace the first in your cumulative GPA. The former grade will remain on your transcript, but will not factor into your GPA. After 16 repeated units, the grades will be averaged (both grades will remain in your GPA).
- Academic Senate policy requires completion of at least 36 units per academic year** (the fall you start through the next summer. Advanced placement units do not count toward minimum progress.) Failure to achieve this minimum level of progress will be a factor in decisions regarding your academic status and continued enrollment, and will affect your financial aid status as well.
- Part-Time Status:** If you have legitimate reasons for taking a reduced course load of 10 units or less, (employment for 30+ hours a week, medical circumstances or family responsibilities), you may be eligible for part-time status . **YOU MUST APPLY FOR PART-TIME STATUS DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF THE QUARTER.** Applications are available in the Academic Advising office. See an academic counselor for information on how this will affect your academic contract, and a financial aid advisor for the effect on your financial aid package.
- Consult OASIS** for help in assessing your academic skills. They have workshops on time management, note taking, learning styles, goal setting and test preparation.