Academic Probation and Academic Suspension

Minimum Academic Standards

Students must meet minimum academic standards in work completed at Texas State. Those who fail to do so are placed on academic probation or academic suspension, as appropriate. In determining whether a student is placed on probation or suspension, only grades earned at Texas State are considered.

Academic Probation

Academic probation is an emphatic warning that the quality of the student’s work has not met Texas State’s minimum academic standards and that the quality must improve during the probationary semester in order for the student to continue at Texas State. A student will be placed on academic probation at the end of the fall or spring semester in which the Texas State GPA is less than 2.00. A student will be removed from academic probation at the end of any long semester or summer term if the Texas State GPA is 2.00 or higher.

Students placed on academic probation are given two probationary semesters (fall or spring terms) to raise their Texas State GPA to 2.00. For example, if a student is placed on academic probation because the Texas State GPA has fallen to 1.85, then at the end of the two following probationary semesters the Texas State GPA must be 2.00 or higher, or the student will be placed on first academic suspension. Grades earned in developmental coursework, in which neither hours nor grades are calculated toward the GPA, will not affect a student’s academic standing.

Academic Suspension

A first academic suspension will be for the first long semester following placement on academic suspension. Appeals for reinstatement, based on extenuating circumstances, may be made prior to the Monday of registration week to the student’s college dean or designee, who will render a decision on the matter. A student suspended from one college of Texas State may not be reinstated by the dean of another undergraduate college. Deans may, at their discretion, impose conditions regarding course load limits, work load limits, counseling, etc. If the dean denies reinstatement, the student may then appeal to the Suspension Appeals Committee. If reinstatement is allowed, the suspension notation will remain on the student’s transcript. The transcript will also show “Reinstated for ___, Enters on Academic Probation.”

Unless other special conditions are imposed by the dean or the Suspension Appeals Committee, students granted reinstatement and readmitted on academic probation are given two probationary terms (fall or spring terms) to raise their Texas State GPA to 2.00.

In addition to any special conditions imposed by the dean or the Suspension Appeals Committee, students must meet the conditions under “Academic Probation” explained above.

At the end of the second probationary semester, if the Texas State GPA is less than 2.00, the student will be placed on second academic suspension.

Students who are placed on first academic suspension from Texas State at the end of the spring semester will be reinstated by the registrar on academic probation for the following fall semester if they

1. attend the summer term at Texas State,
2. pass nine semester hours, and
3. earn a 2.00 GPA on all work attempted in summer or the student will be removed from probation if the Texas State GPA is 2.00 or greater at the end of the summer term.

Readmission Following a First Academic Suspension

At the end of the one long semester period for a first suspension, students must apply for readmission to Texas State for the subsequent semester. Students also must apply for readmission to Texas State following an absence of one long semester or more. Students who re-enter Texas State following an academic suspension do so on academic probation. For specific regulations, refer to paragraph on “Academic Probation”. If the Texas State GPA is less than 2.00 at the end of the second probationary semester, the student will be placed on second academic suspension.

Policies Governing Second Academic Suspension

Students who fail to meet the minimum academic standards defined above will be placed on academic suspension for a second time, for a period of two calendar years. If there are extenuating circumstances, students may appeal prior to the Monday of registration week to the appropriate college dean for reinstatement. If reinstatement is denied, students may then appeal to the Suspension Appeals Committee. If the appeal is approved, students may return to Texas State on academic probation, subject to special conditions imposed by the dean or the Suspension Appeals Committee regarding course load limits, work load limits, counseling, etc. If reinstatement is allowed after one long term, prior to the end of the second calendar year, students must apply for re-admission to Texas State (refer to Program D in the Admissions section). The suspension notation will remain on the student’s transcript, which will also show “Reinstated for ___, Enters on Academic Probation.” In addition to any special conditions imposed by the dean or the Suspension Appeals Committee, students must meet the conditions under “Academic Probation” explained previously. At the end of the second probationary semester, if the Texas State GPA is less than 2.00, the student will be placed on academic suspension.

Readmission Following a Second Academic Suspension

At the end of the two-year period for a second academic suspension, students may apply for re-admission to Texas State (refer to Program D in the Admissions section).

Effect of Suspension on Correspondence or Extension Courses

While on suspension, students may complete a correspondence course in which they enrolled prior to suspension. Students may not enroll in an extension or correspondence course from Texas State while on suspension.
Registering at Another Institution During Suspension

Students who have been placed on academic suspension are not prohibited from registering at another institution; however, such academic work will not change the GPA used for calculating probation and suspension, since only those grades earned at Texas State are calculated in determining probation-suspension status. Students who enroll for 30 or more semester hours at another institution while on suspension from Texas State will be considered transfer students if they return and will be required to have a 2.25 GPA in that work for re-admission.

Exceptions

Cases in which the circumstances are not covered by the above regulations shall be handled at the discretion of the Director of Undergraduate Admissions and the college dean.