



PROBATION and SUSPENSION POLICY

Effective: Fall 2007

Academic Status

The following standards regarding scholastic eligibility, probation, and suspension are applicable to all degree seeking undergraduate students. Administration of these regulations is the responsibility of the Provost.

Good Academic Standing

Continued enrollment in Coastal Carolina University is a privilege that is granted to a student who is making satisfactory academic progress toward a degree. A degree-seeking student enrolled at Coastal Carolina University is in good academic standing unless placed on academic suspension.

Probation/Suspension Status

Probation: Students are placed on probation when the level of their academic performance is endangering their opportunity to earn a degree from the University. Students must earn a minimum cumulative grade point average on graded hours at Coastal Carolina University to avoid being placed on probation.

[Grade hours = total credit hours of all courses that have an earned grade of A, B+, B, C+, C, D+, D, F, or WF]

When a student's academic level of achievement falls below a 2.0 cumulative grade point average, but within the range indicated in the chart, the student is placed on probation. Probation appears on a student's academic record at the end of the regular terms (fall and spring.) A student is removed from the probationary status at the end of the fall or spring term in which the cumulative grade point average is at least a 2.0.

Cum CCU Graded Hours	Satisfactory Academic Progress	Cum CCU GPA Probation	Cum CCU GPA Suspension
0-15	2.0 – 4.0	1.30 – 1.99	Below 1.30
16-29	2.0 – 4.0	1.40 – 1.99	Below 1.40
30-44	2.0 – 4.0	1.50 – 1.99	Below 1.50
45-59	2.0 – 4.0	1.50 – 1.99	Below 1.50
60-74	2.0 – 4.0	1.60 – 1.99	Below 1.60
75-89	2.0 – 4.0	1.70 – 1.99	Below 1.70
90-104	2.0 – 4.0	1.80 - 1.99	Below 1.80
105+	2.0 – 4.0	1.90 – 1.99	Below 1.90

The following rules apply to students who are on probation:

1. may not enroll in more than 13 credits per semester,

[Students who pre-registered for more than 13 credits must drop to 13 credits. Should the student fail to drop to 13 credits, the student's course schedule will be adjusted to 13 credits by the University.]

2. required to have their course schedules and credits reviewed and approved by their academic advisers at the beginning of each semester,
3. required to meet at least two times per semester with their academic advisers, and
4. required to attend a one day Dean's Academic Counseling Seminar at the beginning of each semester.

A student who enrolls while on probation must demonstrate progress toward the attainment of a degree by earning at least a 2.0 semester grade point average in each regular term to be allowed continued enrollment and to avoid suspension. Once the student has earned at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average in a regular term, the student is considered to be making satisfactory academic progress and is no longer subject to the rules of probation.

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Suspension: Students are suspended from Coastal Carolina University at the end of the fall or spring terms if:

1. the student's cumulative grade point average falls below the suspension level as indicated in the chart; or,
2. while on probation, the student fails to earn a minimum 2.0 semester grade point average in a regular term.

***Note:** First-time freshmen will not be suspended during the first semester of enrollment. First-time freshmen who fall below a 1.50 cumulative grade point average will be placed on probation and subject to the rules of probation.

The first academic suspension means a required separation from Coastal Carolina University for the semester (fall or spring) immediately following the semester in which the suspension occurs. A second, or indefinite, suspension means a required separation from Coastal Carolina University for a minimum of one calendar year. Notice of suspension is placed on the student's permanent academic record.

After the first suspension is served, a student must be readmitted to the University through the Admissions Office. Suspension, including reinstatement by petition or administrative action, will remain on the academic record and will be considered as a suspension for subsequent decisions.

Students who have served an indefinite suspension must seek readmission through the Academic Suspension Petitions Committee. Admission is not automatic or guaranteed.

Students on suspension may not attend summer school except by action of the Academic Suspension Petitions Committee. Suspended students who are granted permission to take summer courses will be admitted to those courses through the Office of the Registrar.

Students who enroll after suspension are admitted under the status of probation. Students are required to earn at least a 2.0 semester grade point average each semester or earn the required minimum grade point average to avoid a subsequent suspension. Students who are readmitted after suspension are required to enroll in a reduced course load (13 credits), have their course selection and credits approved by their adviser, and attend a one day Dean's Academic Counseling Seminar.

Under extenuating circumstances, appeals for readmission or other exceptions to academic policies may be presented to the Academic Suspension Petitions Committee. Students must contact the Dean's Office of their major for information and deadlines for submitting an appeal.

General Policies and Petition Procedures

Students on suspension may not be admitted to, or continue in, any program at Coastal Carolina University for credit or grade point average purposes. Suspension does not extend the time allowed to make up an Incomplete grade. Credits earned at other institutions or by correspondence of any origin while a student is on suspension from Coastal Carolina University cannot be applied toward a degree from Coastal Carolina University or be used for improving the grade point average. Students are reminded that these rules are for suspension from Coastal Carolina University. Some degree programs may impose more stringent requirements for retention in the program. Students suspended by this policy have the right to petition the Coastal Carolina University Academic Suspension Petitions Committee at any time to waive the application of the suspension rule. Requests for petitions and information should be directed to the Dean of the student's major.

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