

Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology Policies and Procedures

Policy Number: 1.3.014

Title: Academic Standing, Probation, and Dismissal

Purpose

To establish clear guidelines for maintaining academic standards, identifying students who are struggling academically, and providing a structured process for academic probation and dismissal. This policy aims to support students in achieving their academic goals while ensuring the integrity of the institution's academic programs.

Scope

This policy pertains to all College students.

Definitions

Academic Standing - Academic standing refers to a student's status based on their academic performance. It is determined by the cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) and the completion of required coursework.

Academic Probation - Academic probation is a status assigned to students whose academic performance is below the institution's acceptable standards.

Academic Dismissal - Academic dismissal is the removal of a student from the College due to continued poor academic performance.

Policy Detail

Academic Standing

- Good Academic Standing: Students who
 - o Earn a "C" (2.0) cumulative grade point (GPA) AND
 - o Earn a "C" (2.0) cumulative GPA in technical majors.
- Probation: Students whose cumulative GPA falls below 2.0.

Academic Probation

- Any student who does not maintain an overall 2.0 cumulative GPA and a 2.0 cumulative GPA in the major at the end of the semester shall be placed on academic probation for the following semester.
- Students on probation must adhere to the requirements established by the Dean of Student Success.
- Students must achieve a semester GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- Failure to meet the conditions of probation may result in continued probation or dismissal.
- Students who earn less than a 1.49 GPA overall or less than a 1.49 GPA in their major during a semester, may be dismissed without a period of probation.

Academic Dismissal

- Students who fail to meet the conditions of probation may be subject to dismissal.
- Course failure may prevent the student from continuing in the major and may result in dismissal from the College.
- Students who earn less than a 1.49 GPA overall or less than a 1.49 GPA in their major during a semester may be dismissed without a period of probation.

Appeal of Academic Dismissal

- If a student wishes to appeal an academic dismissal, the student must submit that appeal in writing (email is preferred) to the Dean of Student Success within five business days of the dismissal letter. If an appeal is not received in five days, the student's dismissal is final.
- The student will have an opportunity to meet with the Dean of Student Success to discuss the dismissal and grounds for appeal.
- If a student wishes to move forward with an appeal, the Dean of Student Success will send the appeal to the Vice President of Academic Affairs (VPAA). The VPAA will review the appeal and either support or overturn the dismissal.
- The College will take appropriate steps to address the impact of the dismissal that is overturned on appeal.

References

Audience	All students
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Owner	Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dean of Student Success

Note: Prior to 2025, this policy was reviewed and revised as part of the Student Handbook. This replaces Policy 500-10-004 Student Dismissal and Reinstatement (1/15/2010).