

Academic Standings Policy

The Academic Standings Committee reviews the academic records of all undergraduate students at the end of the Fall and Spring terms to determine their academic standing. Good Academic Standing is defined as having a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or higher. All students, including those who are not in good standing are subject to procedures that may result in placement into one of the following categories: Academic Warning, Academic Probation, Academic Suspension and Academic Dismissal from the University.

Academic Warning

A student may be placed on warning at the end of a semester for one or more of the following:

- Failing one course,
- Receiving two D grades in a semester,
- Having an unresolved incomplete for greater than one semester, or
- Earning a semester grade point average between 1.78 and 1.99.

Students in this category will receive a notice of warning from the Chair of the Academic Standings Committee and will be required to make an immediate appointment with their Academic Advisor and the Director of the Learning Center, who will arrange for tutoring, academic coaching and other support. In order to be removed from academic warning, the student must pass all courses in the following term with grades of C- or higher and have a minimum term grade point average of 2.0. A student who fails to meet these criteria may be placed on Academic Probation the following term.

Academic Probation

A student may be placed on Academic Probation at the end of a semester for one or more of the following:

- Receiving one F grade and one D grade,
- Receiving three D grades,
- Receiving a combination of grades (including a warning grade D or F) with a semester grade point average between 1.0 and 1.78, or
- Holding a cumulative GPA below 2.00 (for students who have completed more than one semester as an undergraduate).

Students in this category will receive a notice of probation from the Chair of the Academic Standings Committee and will be required to make an immediate appointment with their Academic Advisor to discuss academic planning which may include limiting course load and suitability of major. The student will be referred to Director of the Learning Center, who will arrange for tutoring, academic coaching and other needed support. The probationary student may also be prohibited from participation in any university-sponsored extracurricular activities including athletic competitions and music/theater performances for the probationary term. In order to be removed from academic probation, the student must pass all courses in the following term with grades of C or higher and have a term grade point average of at least 2.00. A student who fails to meet these criteria may be placed on Academic Suspension the following term.

Academic Suspension

A student may be placed on Academic Suspension at the end of a term for one or more of the following:

- Receiving three Fs in one term
- Earning a term grade point average below 1.0
- Serving a semester on Academic Probation and then failing to meet the criteria to be removed from that status.

Academic suspension requires that the student be prohibited from enrolling in courses at Elmhurst University for one term. Students meeting the criteria for suspension must meet with the Leadership of the Academic Standings Committee. This group will determine the appropriate sanction for each student and make a recommendation for suspension or (possibly continued) probation. Sanctions may include limitations on the number of registered courses allowed, prohibition of extracurricular activities, or a change in major program. Suspended students may take courses at another institution with permission of the Associate Dean of the Faculty.

Academic Dismissal

Students who belong to one of the following groups are subject to dismissal from the University:

- Those who are suspended a second time.
- Those who in any semester fail all courses. (Withdrawing from courses in which the midterm grades were Fs may be considered a failing grades in some circumstances.)
- Those who are on academic suspension and fail to re-enroll at Elmhurst University within one semester from the suspension.
- Those who have been on academic probation more than three times.

Students who have been dismissed have the right of appeal to the Academic Standing Committee. Those who have been dismissed and do not successfully appeal may not register for classes at all, including as a non-degree or visiting student. Students dismissed for poor academic performance may apply for readmission to Elmhurst University after one year has passed and new academic coursework from another institution can be provided. Readmission will be offered to students submitting a new university application and official transcripts showing an improved cumulative grade point average of 2.50 on a 4.0 scale. The admission decision resides with the Office of Admission in consultation with the Office of Academic Affairs. Students dismissed for reasons relating to conduct may not re-apply.