

ACADEMIC STANDING

Good Academic Standing

A student with a cumulative grade of 2.0 or higher is considered in good academic standing.

A student with a semester GPA of the following will be considered:

Dean's List Student*: Semester GPA between 3.75 and 4.0

Honor Roll Student*: Semester GPA between 3.40 and 3.74

**No minimum credit requirement*

Cumulative grade point average (GPA) combines all semester GPAs into a single overall average.

Semester grade point average is a combined GPA of all grades earned in a single semester.

Academic Warning (Level 1)

One semester GPA or one cumulative GPA below 2.0 will place a student on academic warning. Students on academic warning are allowed to take no more than 12 credit hours for the upcoming semester.

Students will be on academic warning for the upcoming semester (Fall or Spring) and are required to participate in:

Academic tutoring based on the recommendation of faculty

Five (5) student success strategy workshops

If a student has two cumulative GPAs lower than 2.0 **BUT** a third semester GPA above 2.0, the student will be placed on academic warning.

Academic Probation (Level 2)

If the cumulative GPA is below 2.0 for two consecutive semesters, **WITH** a semester GPA below 2.0, the student will be placed on academic probation. Students on academic probation are allowed to take no more than 12 credit hours for the upcoming semester. A student may appeal probation. Students on academic probation will be required to participate in:

The ***First-Year Intervention Program (FYIP)*** provides structured individual support for students who encounter academic problems during their first semester.

Undergraduate Probation Intervention Program (UPIP) addresses unique academic and personal challenges that sophomores, juniors, and seniors face. The program includes a tailored personal success plan, one-on-one mentoring meetings, and student success strategy workshops.

Academic Suspension (Level 3)

Any student who fails to maintain a semester grade-point average of 2.0 while on academic probation will be placed on academic suspension and must remain out of the College for the next semester (Fall or Spring). *A student returning from suspension who earns a semester GPA of 2.0 or above will not be suspended for that particular semester, even though they may not have a cumulative GPA of 2.0.* This performance shows promise and, if continued, will result in good academic standing. Under these circumstances, such a student will continue on academic probation. *Upon returning, the student must participate in UPIP.*

REPEAT OPTIONS

Each student enrolled in an educational program at Simmons College of Kentucky will be allowed three (3) repeat options. A repeat option is an aid to the student who, in the event of some difficulty in a course, does not achieve a passing or satisfactory grade. If a student does not achieve a satisfactory grade in a class, the student may exercise her repeat option in order to improve the grade. If a student receives a failing grade in a core course, the student must repeat the failed course. Repeat options must be approved by the Vice-President for Academic Affairs.

ACADEMIC PROGRESS AND GRADUATION

Students are expected to conform to the academic standards of Simmons College of Kentucky and make progress towards the completion of one of the academic programs listed in this catalog.

Students who do not demonstrate adequate progress may be recommended by the faculty to be placed on academic probation, until the student's academic performance improves regardless of GPA. Students are expected to make continual progress towards an academic program listed in this catalog. Students

are given three (3) years to complete an Associate degree, and five (5) years to complete a Bachelor's degree. Additional time requirements may apply to specific degree programs. Failure to finish programs within these specified times may result in removal from these programs.

Successful completion of a bachelor's degree requires a minimum GPA of 2.5 within the student's major and approval to graduate on the part of the faculty.

LEAVE POLICY

Students must move through their program at an acceptable speed and complete an annual evaluation with their Academic Advisor. Students who do not make satisfactory progress are allowed one semester to get back on track. With a written recommendation from an appropriate physician and with the approval of the Office of Academic Affairs, a student who must interrupt study temporarily because of physical or psychological illness may be granted a medical leave of absence for one term of one academic year. Students who are granted a medical leave in the course of a term will have their tuition adjusted according to the refund policy. Before returning to register for the next semester, students on medical leave must secure written permission from an appropriate physician and must follow the school's procedure for readmission.

TERMINATION

A student's relationship with the school may be terminated for the following reasons:

Failure to maintain a satisfactory academic record.

Behavior that violates generally acknowledged canons and standards of scholarship or professional practice.

Behavior that is disruptive to the educational process.

Note: ANY STUDENT WHOSE BEHAVIOR POSES A SERIOUS THREAT TO LIFE OR PROPERTY MAY BE IMMEDIATELY BANNED FROM THE CAMPUS AND PROHIBITED FROM RETURNING UNTIL THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE CAN MEET AND REVIEW THE SITUATION.

Disciplinary action is initiated by the Discipline Committee. The concerned student has a right to appear before the committee. The decision to terminate the