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## UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING REGULATIONS

**Subject:** Academic Probation and Suspension

**Number:** UW Regulation 2-109

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### I. PURPOSE

To establish standards for academic probation, suspension, reinstatement, and renewal.

### II. DEFINITIONS

**Cumulative grade point average (“GPA”):** The sum of all grade points earned throughout the University of Wyoming divided by the sum of all credit hours attempted through the University except for credit hours in which grades of W, S, U, or I were assigned. When a course has been repeated to change a grade, the last grade points and credit hours assigned shall be entered in the computation of the cumulative average. All registered courses and grades earned at the University will remain on the transcript, whether or not they figure into the cumulative average.

**Cumulative semester hours attempted:** The total of all credit hours attempted through the University of Wyoming, except for those attempted in repeating a course, for those in which a grade of W was assigned, and those accepted in transfer from other institutions.

**Resident GPA:** The grade point average earned through taking University of Wyoming courses.

### III. CURRENT ACADEMIC STATUS

Current academic status will be indicated on internal documents and grade reports as:

1. Good academic standing
2. Academic probation; or
3. Academic suspension

### IV. GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING

Undergraduate students are in good academic standing if they maintain a cumulative resident minimum GPA of 2.000. Graduate students are in good academic standing if they maintain a cumulative resident minimum GPA of 3.000.

## **V. ACADEMIC PROBATION**

- A.** Academic probation indicates a level of student academic performance that is below what is required for successful progress towards the completion of a student's degree program. It is an advisory warning that a student should raise their level of performance.
- B.** An undergraduate student will be placed on academic probation at the end of the term if they have earned less than a 2.00 cumulative GPA at the University of Wyoming, or if they have earned a GPA of less than 1.667 for the term.
- C.** A graduate student will be placed on academic probation at the end of the term if they have earned less than a 3.00 cumulative GPA at the University of Wyoming, or if they have earned Unsatisfactory (U) grades or a grade in six or more credit hours.
- D.** A student placed on academic probation will be notified by the Office of the Registrar.
- E.** A student will be removed from academic probation at the end of the term in which the student earns a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or above for undergraduate students or a 3.00 or above for graduate students.

## **VI. ACADEMIC SUSPENSION**

- A.** Suspension will be imposed when a student's academic performance indicates unsatisfactory progress towards his/her degree program. This status suspends the student's enrollment. Once placed on academic suspension a student is not allowed to enroll in courses at the University during any term until he/she is readmitted.
- B.** Undergraduate students will be suspended if their cumulative GPA is less than 2.000 at the end of two successive semesters.
- C.** Graduate students will be suspended if they earn less than a cumulative 2.00 average at any time, or if they are on probation and earn less than a 3.00 in the next enrollment period and are full time students, or if they earn less than a 3.00 in the next 12 attempted credits and are part-time students, or if they have earned Unsatisfactory (U) grades or grade in six or more credit hours while on probation.
- D.** A petition for reinstatement from suspension will not be considered until one full semester, exclusive of summer term, has elapsed since the student has been suspended. Students may petition once per semester for reinstatement, and, if denied by any unit, cannot petition for reinstatement until the next semester, unless

there are documented extenuating circumstances justifying immediate reinstatement.

- E.** A suspended student may not enroll for any University credit classes regardless of location or mode of delivery.
- F.** Credit earned at another accredited college or university while a student is suspended from the University may be accepted under the usual regulations governing the transfer of credit once the student has been reinstated.
- G.** A student placed on academic suspension will be notified by the Office of the Registrar.

## **VII. ACADEMIC REINSTATEMENT**

- A.** Academic reinstatement constitutes notice that a suspended student has been reinstated to the University, and is eligible to return. The reinstated student will be on academic probation during their first term of reinstatement after which they may be removed from this probation if they demonstrate adequate academic progress, as outlined in section V.E. above.
- B.** A petition for reinstatement must be submitted no later than fifteen (15) calendar days before the beginning of the term in which the student wishes to register. A petition received after this deadline will not be considered except in documentable extenuating circumstances. The extenuating circumstances must be approved by the Dean of Students.
- C.** The decision on a petition for reinstatement will be made by the Dean or designee of the college in which the student wishes to enroll. A student who has been reinstated must remain in the college in which he/she has been reinstated for that semester.. Non-affiliated students' petitions will be considered by a reinstatement panel designated by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.
- D.** Students placed on academic suspension are eligible for a maximum of three (3) reinstatements. Any student placed on academic suspension for the fourth time is not eligible for reinstatement for a minimum of five (5) years from the end of the last term of attendance.
- E.** A college may have an academic reinstatement policy that is more restrictive than the general university policy.

## **VIII. ACADEMIC RENEWAL**

- A.** An undergraduate student who returns to the University and who has not completed

a college course at the University during the previous five (5) years will have the option of continuing with his/her earlier University cumulative GPA or commencing a new cumulative GPA ("academic renewal"). A student must request academic renewal in writing to the Registrar no later than ten (10) class days before the last day of classes of the semester in which the student returns to the University.

- B.** If a student opts for and is granted academic renewal, the previous coursework will remain on the University transcript. A note indicating renewal will precede the new part of the University transcript. At the discretion of the academic department in which the student is enrolled, credit hours for which the student earned the grade of "C" or better may be applied toward the completion of the degree requirements. The list of departmentally approved courses (if any) will be submitted to the Registrar with the request for academic renewal.
- C.** A student's grade point average and completed courses that have already been applied to a baccalaureate are not eligible for academic renewal.
- D.** This policy can be exercised only once by any given student and is only applicable to undergraduate students.

## **IX. EXCEPTIONS**

- A.** This Regulation governing scholastic probation, suspension, and reinstatement does not apply to a student enrolled in the College of Law, or to a student enrolled in a graduate programs in Nursing and Pharmacy.
- B.** Sections VII and VIII of this regulation do not apply to the admission of an undergraduate student who has graduated from an accredited higher education institution with an associate's degree or baccalaureate degree.
- C.** Upon the request of a student placed on scholastic suspension or denied reinstatement, the Provost may review the circumstances and reverse an adverse decision, if in his/her judgment, the student submits sufficient evidence of extraordinary circumstances.

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**Responsible Division/Unit:** Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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