



Santa Fe College Rules Manual

Title: **Academic Progress**

Rule: **7.9**

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Purpose: To establish college standards of academic progress, including criteria for academic warning, probation, suspension, and dismissal.

NOTE: The standards of academic progress outlined in this Rule are different from the Federal Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements.

Academic Standards of Progress

To maintain satisfactory academic progress, students must achieve a minimum term grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher each term.

- A. Any student who does not achieve a GPA of 2.0 or higher in a term will be notified via the college's notification system and placed on academic warning. In cases where a student maintains an all college cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above, he or she will remain on academic warning if he or she continues to earn a term GPA of below a 2.0. Once a student has been placed on warning, they will be limited to 12 credit hours until they are placed back into good academic standing.
- B. Any student who fails to achieve an all college cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher and a term GPA of 2.0 or higher for 2 consecutive terms will be notified via the college's notification system and placed on academic probation. Once a student has been placed on probation, they will be limited to 9 credit hours until they are placed back into good academic standing except that the student can take 12 credit hours as long as one of the courses is selected from the following list: SLS1101, SLS1301, SLS1601 or SLS1531.
- C. Any student on academic probation who earns less than a 2.0 for his or her all college cumulative GPA and less than a 2.0 term GPA will be notified via the college's notification system and placed on academic suspension for the following term of enrollment (Fall, Spring, or Summer).
- D. Readmission may be granted after the suspended term, and after the student meets with a counselor in the Counseling Center. If permitted to return to Santa Fe College, the student will remain in academic probationary status and must achieve a 2.0 GPA or higher for the term immediately following the suspension.

- E. Any student who does not achieve a term GPA of 2.0 or higher during the term following academic suspension will be notified via the college's notification system and placed on academic dismissal from the College for one academic year (Fall, Spring, and Summer). Readmission may be granted after the dismissal period, and after the student has met with a counselor in the Counseling Center.
- F. When a student's all college cumulative GPA is a 2.0 or higher, he or she returns to Good Academic Standing, unless his or her term GPA continues to be below a 2.0 GPA. If the term GPA is above a 2.0 but the all college cumulative GPA remains under, they will remain at their current status until the all college cumulative GPA is above a 2.0.
- G. Additional educational interventions may be assigned as appropriate.

The Counseling Center will provide intervention services to academically 'at risk' students who have been placed on warning, probation, suspension and/or dismissal. Students who are on probation, suspension, or dismissal will be required to meet with a counselor, and Counseling Center services will be offered to students who are on warning. The student and counselor will work together to create a success plan to promote better academic performance.

Transferring to Santa Fe College from Another Institution of Higher Education

All transfer students' transcripts will be evaluated by these standards of progress using the same criteria used for non-transfer students. That is, transfer students entering with less than a 2.0 GPA will be assigned to the appropriate category, i.e., academic warning or probation.

Earning Credit While Suspended or Dismissed

A student while under suspension from another institution may not enroll at Santa Fe College for one semester. A student while under suspension from Santa Fe College may not earn credits toward a degree from this institution by taking courses at another institution during the term of suspension.

Provision for Review

Any student who feels there were extraordinary circumstances that led to his or her academic status and would like to request an adjustment to the status criteria (waive credit-hour limits, request early return, etc.), may petition in writing the College Registrar who will forward the petition to the appropriate Associate Vice-President within Academic Affairs, for a final, binding decision.