

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

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All students are expected to study and perform to the best of their abilities. The academic eligibility standards listed below represent minimum levels required to remain enrolled at the University. A student who fails to meet these standards is not making satisfactory academic progress and should seek additional assistance from an academic advisor, the Academic Recovery Program, the Academic Success Center or other appropriate University resources.

The evaluation for academic eligibility is separate from the evaluation for satisfactory academic progress (SAP) conducted by the Financial Aid office. Further information on satisfactory academic progress for financial aid purposes can be found on page II-28 and at www.clemson.edu/financial-aid/applying/academic-progress.html .

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY DEFINITIONS

The following terms identify levels of academic difficulty pertinent to a student's academic eligibility.

Academic Alert: A student who earns a semester grade-point average below 1.5, regardless of cumulative grade-point average, is placed on academic alert. No notation concerning academic alert will appear on the student's permanent record.

Academic Probation: A student who fails to maintain a cumulative grade-point average of 2.0 or higher is placed on academic probation. No notation concerning probation will appear on the student's permanent record. A student on academic probation may enroll in a maximum of 16 credit hours, unless permission for a higher course load is granted by the academic advisor. Students on academic probation are expected to participate in the Academic Recovery Program.

Academic Suspension: A suspended student is ineligible to enroll in classes for the fall or spring semester immediately following the suspension notification. Suspension is for one semester only and the student is eligible to reenroll the following semester.

Academic Dismissal: A student who enrolls after a suspension is subject to dismissal at the end of the next semester in which they do not meet the academic eligibility criteria listed below. Readmission may be granted by appeal after one calendar year. A dismissed student who is readmitted and again fails to meet academic eligibility standards will be permanently dismissed. Permanent dismissal may not be appealed, and a student permanently dismissed may not apply for Academic Renewal.

Academic Renewal: A student who has not enrolled at Clemson for a period of two or more academic years may apply to the Appeals Committee on Academic Eligibility for readmission under special conditions known as academic renewal, unless the student has been permanently dismissed. Under the academic renewal conditions, the previous credits attempted, and grade-point deficit will not constitute a liability in a new grade-point computation; however, no credits passed, or their attending grade points will be available to the student for a degree at Clemson, and any courses previously passed may not be validated by special examination.

A student on academic probation enrolled for two consecutive semesters is evaluated to determine academic eligibility. Eligibility for continued enrollment is evaluated at the end of each semester unless otherwise indicated in this policy. Students who have completed only one semester will not be evaluated.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

A student on academic probation (below a 2.0 cumulative GPA) will remain academically eligible if one of the following conditions is met.

1. The student passes at least 12 graded credit hours and earns a 2.4 or higher semester GPA. Duplicate credits do not count as credits passed unless otherwise required to meet an alternative departmental standard.
2. The student achieves the minimum cumulative grade-point average (MCGPA) listed below.

Total Attempted Hours*	MCGPA
16-29	1.75
30-59	1.85
60-89	1.95
90+	2.00

*Total Attempted Hours includes all credit hours attempted at Clemson, plus any advanced standing earned from transfer credits and credits awarded from approved examination programs. Only grade points earned at Clemson are used to calculate the MCGPA.

3. The student achieves a 2.0 or higher cumulative GPA.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY EVALUATION

As described below, academic eligibility criteria are different for students who 1) have completed fewer than three semesters at Clemson, 2) have completed at least three semesters at Clemson, 3) have been suspended, and 4) are returning on appeal. If a student withdraws for one or more semesters, those semesters are not counted as eligible semesters. Conditions of academic eligibility are described in the Academic Eligibility Standards section.

1. A new student will be evaluated at the end of his/her second regular (fall or spring) semester. If the student has two consecutive semesters on academic probation and is not on Academic Alert, they are eligible to enroll in the subsequent semester, but must meet academic eligibility standards at the end of the subsequent semester to avoid suspension. This term of suspension is not appealable. Students on Academic Alert in the second consecutive semester of probation will be suspended for the subsequent regular (fall or spring) semester. A student subject to suspension at the end of spring semester may enroll in summer sessions and will avoid suspension if they meet academic eligibility standards.
2. After a student has completed three or more fall and spring semesters, they will be evaluated at the end of each semester. If the student is on academic probation for two consecutive semesters, and fails to meet academic eligibility standards, they will be suspended for the next regular (fall or spring) semester. A student subject to suspension at the end of spring semester may enroll in summer sessions at Clemson and meet academic eligibility standards to avoid suspension for fall semester.
3. A student who re-enrolls after being suspended is evaluated at the end of each semester until a cumulative grade-point average of 2.0 or higher is achieved. A previously suspended student who is on academic probation and fails to meet academic eligibility standards will be dismissed at the end of the following semester. A dismissed student is permitted to re-enroll after one calendar year only as a result of a successful appeal.
4. A student permitted to re-enroll due to a successful appeal of suspension or dismissal is evaluated at the end of each semester until a cumulative grade-point average of 2.0 or higher is achieved. A student who fails to meet academic eligibility standards will be suspended or dismissed, according to his/her academic situation. A student allowed to return from dismissal that does not meet academic standards will be permanently dismissed, and this may not be appealed and the student is not eligible for academic renewal.

**POTENTIAL ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY OUTCOMES FOR STUDENTS
WHO HAVE COMPLETED FEWER THAN THREE SEMESTERS (FALL AND SPRING)**

Scenario: Student's first semester of enrollment is Fall 2022. Student's CGPA falls below 2.0 at the conclusion of the Fall 2022 term.

Outcome: Student is on academic probation but can re-enroll in Spring 2023.

At conclusion of Spring 2023 term

- Student achieves 2.0 CGPA: Student is in good standing and can re-enroll in Fall 2023.
- Student remains below 2.0 CGPA but meets AE criteria: Student remains on academic probation but can re-enroll in Fall 2023.
- Student does not meet AE criteria: If the Spring term GPA is 1.5 or above, student remains on academic probation but can re-enroll in Fall 2023.
- Student does not meet AE criteria: If the Spring term GPA is below 1.5, student is on Academic Alert and is suspended for Fall 2023. Student is allowed to attend summer sessions to attempt to bring up GPA, or if they meet academic standards (2.4 or higher on 12 graded credits) they will be admitted to Fall 2023 on probation.

At conclusion of Fall 2023 term

- Student achieves 2.0 CGPA: Student is in good standing and can re-enroll in Spring 2024.
- Student remains below 2.0 CGPA but meets AE criteria: Student remains on academic probation but can re-enroll in Spring 2024.
- Student does not meet AE criteria: Student is suspended for Spring 2024; there is no appeal process for this suspension. Student can re-enroll beginning in Summer 2024.

**POTENTIAL ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY OUTCOMES FOR STUDENTS
WHO HAVE COMPLETED THREE OR MORE FALL AND SPRING SEMESTERS**

Scenario: Student is a continuing student who enrolled for the first time prior to Fall 2022. Student's CGPA is below 2.0 at the conclusion of the Fall 2022 term.

Outcome #1: Fall 2022 is NOT the student's second consecutive term for failing to meet the AE criteria: Student remains on academic probation but can re-enroll in Spring 2023. At conclusion of Spring 2023 term:

1. Student achieves 2.0 CGPA: Student is in good standing and can re-enroll in Fall 2023.
2. Student meets AE criteria: Student remains on academic probation but can re-enroll in Fall 2023.
3. Student does not meet AE criteria: Student subject to suspension for Fall 2023
 - a. Student attends summer sessions and achieves 2.0 CGPA: Student is in good standing and can re-enroll in Fall 2023.
 - b. Student attends summer sessions and meets AE criteria (2.4 on 12 graded credits): Student remains on academic probation but can re-enroll in Fall 2023.
 - c. Student attends summer sessions and does not meet AE criteria: Student is suspended for Fall 2023 but can reenroll beginning in Spring 2024. Student can file an appeal and, if successful, can re-enroll in Fall 2023 but must meet AE criteria at the conclusion of Fall 2023 semester. If AE criteria are not met at the conclusion of Fall 2023, student is suspended for Spring 2024; there is no appeal process for this suspension.
 - d. Student does not attend summer sessions: Student is suspended for Fall 2023 but can re-enroll beginning in Spring 2024. Student can file an appeal and, if successful, can re-enroll in Fall 2023 but must meet AE criteria at the conclusion of Fall 2023 semester. If AE criteria are not met at the conclusion of Fall 2023, student is suspended for Spring 2024; there is no appeal process for this suspension.
 - e. Student does not attend summer sessions and does not file an appeal: Student is suspended for Fall 2023 but can re-enroll in Spring 2024.

Outcome #2: Fall 2022 is the student's second consecutive term for failing to meet the AE criteria: Student is subject to suspension for Spring 2023

1. Student files an appeal: If successful, the student can re-enroll in Spring 2023 but must meet AE criteria at the conclusion of Spring 2023 semester. If AE criteria are not met at the conclusion of Spring 2023, student is suspended for Fall 2023; there is no appeal process for this suspension.
2. Student does not appeal: The student is suspended for Spring 2023 but can re-enroll in Fall 2023.

STUDENTS SUBJECT TO DISMISSAL

Scenario: Student re-enrolls in Fall 2022 after suspension. Student's CGPA is below 2.0 at the conclusion of the Fall 2022 term.

Outcome #1: The student meets one of the AE criteria at the conclusion of the Fall 2022 term. The student can re-enroll in Spring 2023. At the conclusion of the Spring 2023 term:

1. Student achieves 2.0 CGPA: Student is in good standing and is eligible to re-enroll in Fall 2023.
2. Student meets AE criteria: Student remains on academic probation but is eligible to re-enroll in Fall 2023.
3. Student does not meet AE criteria: Student is subject to dismissal.
 - a. Student attends summer sessions and achieves 2.0 CGPA: Student is in good standing and is eligible to re-enroll in Fall 2023.
 - b. Student attends summer sessions and meets AE criteria (2.4 on 12 graded credits): Student remains on academic probation but is eligible to re-enroll in Fall 2023.
 - c. Student attends summer sessions and does not meet AE criteria: Student is dismissed and may appeal for readmission after one calendar year. Student can file an appeal and, if successful, can re-enroll in Fall 2023 but must meet AE criteria at the conclusion of the Fall 2023 semester. If AE criteria are not met at the conclusion of Fall 2023, student is dismissed and there is no appeal process for this dismissal. After a calendar year, the student may appeal for readmission.
 - d. Student does not attend summer sessions: Student is dismissed and may appeal for readmission after one calendar year. Student can file an appeal and, if successful, can re-enroll in Fall 2023 but must meet AE criteria at the conclusion of the Fall 2023 semester. If AE criteria are not met at the conclusion of Fall 2023, student is dismissed; there is no appeal process for this dismissal. After a calendar year, the student may appeal for readmission.
 - e. Student does not attend summer sessions and does NOT file an appeal: Student is dismissed and may appeal for readmission after one calendar year.

Outcome #2: The student does not meet one of the AE criteria at the conclusion of the Fall 2022 term: Student is subject to dismissal.

1. Student can file an appeal: If successful, the student can re-enroll in Spring 2023 but must meet AE criteria at the conclusion of Spring 2023 semester. If AE criteria are not met at the conclusion of Spring 2023, student is dismissed; there is no appeal process for this dismissal. After a calendar year, the student may appeal for readmission.
2. Student does not appeal: Student is dismissed and may appeal for readmission after one calendar year.