



EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Formulation and Adoption of University Policies and Regulations

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University Policy and Regulation Impact Statement

Date Sep 17, 2008 Check One: Policy Regulation
Check One: Revision of Existing New

Policy or Regulation Number (If known) _____ Policy or Regulation Name Academic Standings

Originator(s) Retention and Graduation Task Force and Enrollment Management

Justification for Proposed Changes or for New Policy/Regulation (Attach additional sheet if necessary)

The current minimum academic standings are complicated and very difficult for students, faculty, and administrative staff to interpret. The regulation outlined below for implementing academic standards are reflective of our benchmark institutions and includes appropriate terminology for students not meeting minimum academic standards.

Consistency with EKU's Mission and Strategic Plan, Other Policies, and Related External Documents

Cite relevant official statements from EKU or external sources.

The revision makes academic expectations and standings clear to students, faculty, and staff. The revised regulation is reflective of our benchmark institutions.

Impact on the University

(1) Identify resources (human, financial, physical, operational, technological, other) needed to implement and maintain compliance; (2) Identify changes to EKU's culture and/or behaviors that may be involved.

Technical assistance will be needed to revise academic standing codes. The catalog and Academic Advising and Retention and Registrar's web sites will need to be updated to reflect the new regulation information.

List Key Stakeholders who have been consulted. Indicate action taken and the date it was taken.

<u>Enrollment Management (Registrar, Advising and Adm. Serv.)</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	Date <u>October 14, 2007</u>
<u>Provost Council</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	Date <u>March 28, 2008</u>
<u>Council for Academic Affairs</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	Date <u>September 18, 2008</u>
<u>Faculty Senate</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	Date _____
<u>President</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	Date _____
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Attach additional page if necessary.

Office of Enrollment Management
Academic Standing Minimum Scholastic Standards
September 18, 2008

Below are the proposed new Academic Standing Levels per the University Retention & Graduation Task Force.

The current information is found on page 44 of the 2008-09 *Undergraduate Catalog*.

Minimum Academic Standards

Good Academic Standing: Students are expected to maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA). The actions described below pertain to students whose GPA falls below 2.0. Once a student's cumulative GPA returns to 2.0 or above, they are once again in good academic standing.

Academic Warning (pertains to first-year students only): First semester new freshmen will be placed on academic warning if they receive a GPA less than 2.0 at the end of their first semester at the University. During the second semester of study, freshmen on academic warning may not enroll in more than 16 hours (during either fall or spring terms). Freshmen on academic warning may not enroll in more than six hours during a full summer term.

Academic Probation: Beginning with the second semester of study at ECU, students will be placed on academic probation if their cumulative GPA at the end of the semester is less than 2.0. While on academic probation, students may not enroll in more than 13 credit hours (in either fall or spring terms). Students on academic probation may not enroll in more than six hours during a full summer term.

Academic Suspension: At the end of a semester on academic probation, students who do not earn a 2.0 term GPA and whose cumulative GPA remains less than 2.0 will be placed on academic suspension. Students may be placed on academic suspension a total of three times. Students on academic suspension may not enroll in courses at ECU during the period of suspension. The suspension period for a second academic suspension is one calendar year, and a third academic suspension is for two calendar years. Previously suspended students will be placed on Academic Probation upon return to ECU if they have a cumulative GPA of less than 2.0.

Academic Dismissal: Students returning to the University at the end of a third academic suspension must earn and maintain a term GPA of 2.0 or better each semester. Students returning after a third academic suspension will be academically dismissed from the University if they have a term GPA of less than 2.0 at the end of any semester. Students who are academically dismissed may not enroll in courses at ECU for five calendar years.

If students believe their academic suspension was the result of catastrophic circumstances beyond their control, they may appeal the academic suspension to the University Readmission Appeals Committee. The appeal must be in writing and students must provide appropriate documentation supporting the appeal. Students may not appeal an academic dismissal.