Academic Standing Meeting

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What is Academic Standing?

- **Academic standing** is your official academic status with the University.

- Standings include:
  - Good Standing
  - Probation
  - Suspended
How is academic standing determined?

- At the end of each term, students are assigned letter grades for each course they are enrolled.

- If the course is credit bearing, it will be calculated into the student’s GPA.

- After all grades are calculated into the GPA, academic standing is determined by the student’s current cumulative grade point average for all classes taken at UMSL.
### How Grades Impact Your GPA…

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**Did You Know?!**
UMSL Grade Policies

- An “FN” grade can be issued in lieu of an “F” grade if an instructor feels that s/he does not have sufficient work in order to evaluate a student. In terms of GPA calculation, an “FN” grade negatively impacts the GPA just like an “F” grade.

- A “DL” grade does not have immediate impact on the GPA but the GPA will be recalculated once the “DL” grade is changed to the final course grade.
What is “Good Standing”?!?!?

- In order for a student to maintain “good standing” with the University, s/he must maintain no less than a **2.0 cumulative** grade point average.

- A note should be made, however, that individual colleges at the University may have requirements beyond the 2.0 to continue enrollment in a specific program. You should check with your academic college to determine individual program requirements.
Probation…Please Explain!

- A student will be placed on an academic probation if s/he fails to maintain the 2.0 cumulative grade point average.

- At UMSL, a student is given a probation warning and a continued probation opportunity before additional action is taken.
Suspension!! How did this happen!?!?

- A student will be academically suspended if his/her cumulative GPA remains under 2.0 after serving two semesters on probation (not necessarily consecutive).

- At this point, a student is suspended and will not be allowed to continue enrollment at the institution.
...But there’s some hope!

- If you find yourself at the suspension phase of the academic standing process, you will have the opportunity to appeal your suspension.

- Appeals are submitted directly to the Dean’s Office for your respective college.

- Where extenuating circumstances exist, you may get an opportunity to continue your enrollment under strict guidelines.
The Dean’s List

- Students who post a **semester** grade point average of at least 3.2 will be listed for “Dean’s List Honors”.

- Dean’s List Honors can be great resume boosters as well as helpful for applications for graduate and/or professional school.

- Students on the Dean’s List also open many doors for scholarships! And who doesn’t want **FREE** money?
Why is Academic Standing important?

- Your academic standing determines your ability to continue enrollment at UMSL!

- It can negatively impact your eligibility for federal financial aid, where applicable!

- Having a positive academic standing reinforces your end goal of graduation!
Academic Standing and Financial Aid

- Federal regulations require that students receiving federal financial aid demonstrate satisfactory academic progress (or SAP).

- With SAP, a student who fails to maintain the 2.0 cumulative grade point average is placed on probation.

- If a student fails to improve his/her academic standing after serving one semester on financial aid probation, his/her federal financial aid is suspended.

- The “continued probation” status is not part of the financial aid process.
...So no more financial aid?!?!  

- A student can appeal to have his/her financial aid reinstated if circumstances warrant such action.  

- More information about financial aid and SAP can be obtained by visiting the Student Financial Aid Office in MSC 327.
This concludes the presentation!

Please take a minute to review any information that you may be unclear with and then proceed to the next link in the table of contents for the test.

The test is 10 questions and you must achieve no less than 90% in order to receive credit for this workshop.

You are only allowed to take the test once. Multiple attempts are not allowed.

Click the link below to access the “Academic Standing Test Your Knowledge Quiz” that directs you to your UMSL Google drive http://www.umsl.edu/services/sea

Email Maya Scruggs Hicks at scruggsm@umsl.edu once you’ve completed the “Test Your Knowledge Quiz” to receive verification that you’ve completed Academic Standing.