

Academic Standing Meeting

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Overview of Academic Standing Meeting

- Defining and Determining your Academic Standing
- Impact of Grades on your GPA
- UMSL Grade Policies
- Academic Standing Options at UMSL
- Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) & Academic Standing
- Rebuilding your GPA
- Benefits

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.



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**HOW
GRADES
IMPACT
YOUR
GPA...**

**DID YOU
KNOW?!**

Letter Grade	Ranking / Impact on GPA
A	4.0
A-	3.7
B+	3.3
B	3.0
B-	2.7
C+	2.3
C	2.0
C-	1.7
D+	1.3
D	1.0
D-	0.7
F	0
FN (failure/non participation)	0
EX (excused) or EX-F	No Impact
DL (delayed)	No immediate impact

UMSL Grade Policies

- An “FN” grade can be issued in lieu of an “F” grade if an instructor feels that they do 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, they 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 they fail 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 their 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.

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 their academic standing after serving **one** semester on financial aid probation, their 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 their financial aid reinstated if circumstances warrant such action.
- More information about financial aid and SAP can be obtained by visiting Student Financial Services in MSC 327.

Benefits of Achieving & Maintaining Good Academic Standing

- Deans List's
 - GPA ranges based on your academic college
 - Great resume boosters as well as helpful for applications for graduate and/or professional school.
- Scholarships
 - Free money!
Merit based minimum 2.500 UMSL cumulative GPA

Rebuilding your GPA

- Academic/Success Coaching
 - University Student Support
 - Student Enrichment and Achievement
 - Academic colleges and other student support services
- Academic Renewal
 - Academic Renewal Application (Student Initiates)
- Grade Modification
- Career Exploration

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!

Test Your Knowledge!

- This concludes the presentation!
- Take the “Test your Knowledge” quiz. Access from this [link](#).