

Overview of Probation Presentation



This presentation will cover the following:

- ❑ Probation policies and regulations
- ❑ Completing your Academic Recovery Plan
- ❑ How to calculate your GPA
- ❑ Repeating courses and policies
- ❑ Time management principles
- ❑ University Resources

What is Academic Probation?



- The University cumulative GPA standard for good academic standing for all students, including freshmen, is a 2.0. *This is a C average.*
- If you do not have the required 2.0 minimum cumulative GPA when grades are posted, you will be placed on academic probation. Students whose GPA is 0.00 will be dismissed immediately.
- Probation requires students to complete an Academic Recovery Plan (ARP) with their academic advisor.
- You should be aware that some colleges in the University maintain higher than 2.0 standards of performance for continuance and graduation in the major (**e.g. Business 2.5, Education 2.8**).

The Process of Probation



After 1 or 2 semesters on probation students may:

➤ **Return to Good Academic Standing**

→→ Earn a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher

➤ **Be permitted Continued Probation**

→→ Make progress toward Good Academic Standing utilizing Academic Recovery Plan

→→ Have a reasonable mathematical chance of reaching a CGPA of 2.00 after one additional semester on probation.

➤ **Face Dismissal**

→→ if GPA is still below 2.0 after two consecutive full-time semesters on probation.

Note: An appeal to the Special Assistant for Academic Policy may be an option upon dismissal.

Impacts of Probation



- Financial Aid (* see financial aid advisor)
- Athletic eligibility
- Additional cost of education
 - ✦ Research shows that any additional year accrues about \$15,000 college debt
- Delay in graduation
- Drop from major
 - ✦ GPA deficiency may prevent you from getting into your desired major
- May change your desired major/career path

Removal from Probation



Quick strategies to recover from Academic Probation:

- ✦ **Retake classes for which you earned Ds and Fs**
- ✦ **Understand and use WCU's repeat policy**
- ✦ **Consider taking GPA booster courses**
- ✦ **Learn from past mistakes and do not repeat them**
- ✦ **Adopt good learning and study habits**
- ✦ **Talk to your professors at the first sign of difficulty**
- ✦ **Meet with your academic advisor to discuss academic issues**
- ✦ **Take advantage of WCU resources, such as the LARC!**

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Quick strategies to recover from Academic Probation (cont.):

- ✦ **Learn to manage your time effectively**
 - **Set priorities, determine which courses are most important/difficult, and break large tasks into small tasks**
 - http://webapps.ohio.edu/studytips/Time_168hours.html

WCU Repeat Course Policy



- **Undergraduate college-level courses**

- ✦ The total **maximum** of repeats is six times (not including “Q” courses)
- ✦ A single course may not be repeated more than twice
- ✦ The most recent grade, regardless of whether it is higher or lower, will be used to calculate your GPA
- ✦ Courses already taken at WCU cannot be repeated in another institution to have impact on grade

Example of repeat procedure for a single course:

First Attempt e.g. MAT 103	Second Attempt	Third Attempt	After the third attempt you cannot repeat the same course unless you appeal for exception to policy.
First Attempt	First Repeat	Second Repeat	

How to Calculate Your GPA



Course	Credit Hours	Grade	Grade Points	Total Quality
MAT 103	3	D-	3 x .67	2.01
SOC 200	3	B	3 x 3	9
PHY 100	3	F	3 x 0	0
WRT 120	3	C	3 x 2	6
PHI 101	3	F	3 x 0	0
Total credit hours =15			GPA = 17÷15 = 1.20	

Guestimate your GPA:

<http://www.mansfield.edu/qpa/> or link in your email.

Utilize the LARC



- All probation students should have received a letter to stop in at the LARC (2nd floor Lawrence Hall)
- Inform the front desk that you are on probation
- You will be given assistance to help you throughout the semester
 - This includes study sessions
 - Tutoring
 - Time Management assistance
 - And much more.....

Academic Success Workshop



**Do you want to be a better note taker?
Test taker? Writer? STUDENT?**

**Academic Success Workshops
assist you in discovering what
strategies work best for you!**

**Come to one session or come them all!
Registration is encouraged but not required.**

Academic Success Workshop Schedule



Academic Success Workshop Topics:

**Don't Put This Workshop Off Until Tomorrow:
Time Management Strategies**

Get It WRITE: Short Essay Skills and APA Format

Others = TBA

<https://www.wcupa.edu/viceProvost/ussss/larc/forms/ASW/aswregistration.aspx>

Other WCU Resources



- **The Counseling Center**
 - ✦ Lawrence Center, Room 421 , 610-436-2301
- **The Writing Center**
 - ✦ FHG Library 251: Sunday, 4:00 - 9:00 pm;
 - ✦ Monday to Thursday, 10:00 am - 9:00 pm
 - ✦ Friday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- **Women's and Gender Equity Center**
 - ✦ Lawrence Center 220; Phone: 610-436-2122
- **Wellness Center**
 - ✦ Commonwealth Hall, Lower Level
- **Career Development Center**
 - ✦ Lawrence Center 225

Questions



- **Additional resources**
 - **Schedule an appointment with your Academic Advisor**
 - **Complete an Academic Recovery Plan with your Academic Advisor**

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