

**CHARLESTON SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY  
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR  
MANUAL OF ACADEMIC POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

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Purpose: To establish and maintain criteria for satisfactory academic progress, academic probation, suspension, and expulsion.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) is defined as a minimum overall GPA of 2.0. All students will be subject to the academic standing process unless they completely withdraw from the University prior to the last day to receive a grade of W, published on the Academic Calendar. For purposes of this policy, traditional is defined as students in on ground majors; non-traditional is defined as students in online majors, see the Programs of Study page in the Academic Catalog for a complete listing.

**Probation for traditional students**

A traditional student will be placed in a probationary status after any major term (Fall or Spring) the student's overall GPA does not meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) of 2.0 overall.

Probation will not be applied to Summer, Summer I or Summer II (minor terms). While a student cannot be placed on probation as a result of course work in a minor term, he/she can remove a probation status as a result of course work completed in a minor term. To remove a probationary status in a minor term, a student must take the courses in residence at Charleston Southern University (CSU).

Once a student has been placed on probation 1 or 2, the probation cannot be removed by taking classes at another institution. However, students serving probation may request permission to earn credit (hours only) at approved out-of-town institutions when our Fall and Spring semesters are not in session, and the student's permanent address is 50 miles outside the greater Charleston area. Local resident students must attend CSU unless permission is given to earn credit at a local institution due to special circumstances. Appropriate forms are available in the Office of the Registrar or online.

Students on Academic Probation 1 or 2 may be enrolled in GNED 103 Strategies for Academic Success as a condition for regaining good academic standing. Students administratively placed in GNED 103 will not be permitted to drop the course without permission from either The Student Success Center or The University Registrar.

**Probation 1**

A student will be placed on probation 1 after any major term (Fall or Spring) the student's overall GPA does not meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) of 2.0 overall.

**Probation 2**

A student on probation 1 will be placed on probation 2 after any major term (Fall or Spring) the student's overall GPA does not meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) of 2.0 overall. All students on probation 2 must be registered for classes on the first day classes begin.

**Suspension**

A student on probation 2 will be suspended after any major term (Fall or Spring) the student's overall GPA does not meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) of 2.0 overall unless the term GPA is a 2.0 or higher. Students who maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher during the term in question will remain on probation 2.

When placed on probation, a student has two consecutive major terms in which to meet the "satisfactory progress" requirements. Failure to do so results in academic suspension. A student suspended for academic reasons will not be permitted to attend CSU for one major term. Students may not appeal this decision. A student who served academic suspension may return to CSU and will be automatically placed on probation 2. All students returning to Charleston Southern University on probation 2 must be registered for classes on the first day classes begin. After returning from academic suspension, the student must maintain a 2.00 term GPA to be eligible to continue until a 2.00 overall GPA is achieved. Students will remain on probation 2 until a 2.00 overall GPA is achieved.

Once a student has been placed on suspension, he/she may not remove the suspension status by taking courses at another institution. If the student takes courses at another institution while suspended, they will not be transferred into CSU, unless approval is given by the Admissions Committee. A student wishing to return after having been suspended must complete an Application for Admission (for readmission approval), with Enrollment Services.

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**Expulsion**

After returning from academic suspension, a student will have one major semester to achieve a 2.00 term GPA. Failure to do so results in permanent expulsion from the University.

**Probation for non-traditional students**

A non-traditional student will be placed in a probationary status after any term (Fall, Spring, or Summer) the student's overall GPA does not meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) of 2.0 overall. The probation process will always run at the end of the full term, not after the first sub term.

Once a non-traditional student has been placed on probation 1 or 2, the probation cannot be removed by taking classes at another institution.

**Probation 1 for non-traditional students**

A non-traditional student will be placed on probation 1 after any term the student's overall GPA does not meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) of 2.0 overall.

**Probation 2 for non-traditional students**

A non-traditional student on probation 1 will be placed on probation 2 after any term the student's overall GPA does not meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) of 2.0 overall. All students on probation 2 must be registered for classes on the first day classes begin.

**Suspension for non-traditional students**

A non-traditional student on probation 2 will be suspended after any term the student's overall GPA does not meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) of 2.0 overall unless the term GPA is a 2.0 or higher. Students who maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher during the term in question will remain on probation 2.

When placed on probation, a non-traditional student has two consecutive full terms in which to meet the "satisfactory progress" requirements. Failure to do so results in academic suspension. A non-traditional student suspended for academic reasons will not be permitted to attend CSU for one term. Students may not appeal this decision. A student who served academic suspension may return to CSU and will be automatically placed on probation 2. All students returning to Charleston Southern University on probation 2 must be registered for classes on the first day classes begin. After returning from academic suspension, the student must maintain a 2.00 term GPA to be eligible to continue until a 2.00 overall GPA is achieved. Students will remain on probation 2 until a 2.00 overall GPA is achieved.

Once a non-traditional student has been placed on suspension, he/she may not remove the suspension status by taking courses at another institution. If the student takes courses at another institution while suspended, they will not be transferred into CSU, unless approval is given by the Admissions Committee. A student wishing to return after having been suspended must complete an Application for Admission (for readmission approval), with Enrollment Services.

**Expulsion for non-traditional students**

After returning from academic suspension, a non-traditional student will have one full semester to achieve a 2.00 term GPA. Failure to do so results in permanent expulsion from the University.

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