

Probation/Dismissal Policy
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Definitions used in this policy:

Admitted (A.k.a. Matriculated) Students - students admitted to the University, attending full- or part-time, pursuing a bachelor's degree. They are either in good academic standing or on academic probation.

Students in Good Academic Standing - students whose SU cumulative GPA's are at least 2.0. Students who are not in good academic standing are either on academic probation or on restricted status.

Students on Academic Probation - students who are not in good academic standing but who are still admitted and pursuing degrees. Such students have academic (and other) limitations placed upon them.

Restricted Status Students - previously-admitted students whose admissions have been revoked because of poor academic performance and who are thereby neither admitted nor pursuing a degree. These students are allowed to register as (non-admitted) students, but in most cases only part-time.

Dismissed Students - previously-enrolled students who are no longer allowed to attend the University (for at least five years).

Principles implemented in this draft:

1. Without regard for either the number of hours they have toward graduation or their semester performances, students who begin a semester (or term or session) in good standing will be placed on academic probation if they conclude that semester not in good standing.
2. Students on academic probation who fail to regain good academic standing will be allowed to continue on academic probation provided both 1) their semester GPA's are 2.0 or higher, and 2) their cumulative GPA's are at or above the minimum values in the chart which follows.
3. Students on academic probation who both fail to attain good academic standing and who fail to qualify to remain on probation will have their admissions revoked and they will have their academic standing changed to restricted status.
4. **Whenever students are placed in restricted status, they will have three registrations to attain good academic standing. If, after three registrations, they have failed to attain good academic standing, they will be dismissed.**
5. Restricted status students who are eligible for readmission must follow the appropriate readmission procedures prior to registration.

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GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING (Undergraduate Students)

Students are admitted into Salisbury University in good academic standing. Students who have received Salisbury University grades and whose Salisbury University cumulative grade-point averages are at least 2.0 remain in good academic standing. Grade-point averages will be computed whenever grades are awarded or changed. Consequently a student's academic standing can change at any time.

UNSATISFACTORY ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT (Undergraduate Students)

Academic Probation, Restricted Status, and Academic Dismissal

Admitted students whose Salisbury University cumulative grade-point averages are less than 2.0 will be placed on academic probation. Students on probation who fail to return to good standing or who fail to meet the criteria which allows them to remain on probation will have their admissions revoked and their academic standing changed to restricted status. Restricted status students may be academically dismissed for inadequate academic performance.

Academic Probation

Students on academic probation may register for no more than five courses for a total of 16 credit hours per semester and may not elect to take any courses on a pass/fail basis if the courses are offered for a grade.

Admitted students who are in good academic standing at the beginning of a semester (or term or session) but who are no longer in good academic standing at the conclusion of that semester (respectively term or session), will be allowed to register as students on academic probation. At the conclusion of any semesters (or terms or sessions) while on academic probation:

- ❑ Students will be returned to good academic standing if their Salisbury University cumulative grade-point averages are at least 2.0.
- ❑ Students who fail to attain good academic standing will be allowed to continue to register as students on academic probation provided they satisfy both of the following conditions: 1) they earn semester (or term or session) grade-point averages of at least 2.0, and 2) their cumulative grade-point averages are greater than or equal to the appropriate minimums in the chart below.
- ❑ Students on probation who fail to attain good academic standing will have their admissions revoked and they will be allowed to continue to register for classes as restricted status students if either 1) they earn semester (or term or session) grade-point average less than 2.0, or 2) their cumulative grade-point averages are less than the appropriate minimums in the chart below.

Credit Hours (Including transfer credits) toward a degree	Minimum Salisbury University Cumulative Grade-Point Average
Fewer than 30	1.4
30 – 35	1.5
36 – 41	1.6
42 – 47	1.7
48 – 53	1.8
54 – 59	1.9
60 or more	2.0

Note: Students with 60 or more earned credit hours are expected to remain in good standing with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better.

Restricted Status

Restricted status students may enroll in no more than two courses for a total of seven credit hours per semester. There are additional University policies limiting the activities in which students in restricted status may engage. In special circumstances the Office of Academic Affairs may allow restricted status students to exceed these limitations, but in no case will restricted status students exceed the limitations placed upon students on academic probation. Whenever students are placed in restricted status, they will have three registrations (for semesters, terms, or sessions) to attain cumulative grade-point averages of at least 2.0. Students in restricted status who fail to attain Salisbury University cumulative grade-point averages of at least 2.0 within the three-registration time frame will be academically dismissed. Restricted status students who attain Salisbury University cumulative grade-point averages of at least 2.0 within the three-registration time frame may apply for readmission.

Academic Dismissal

Academically dismissed students may no longer register for classes at Salisbury University. However, academically dismissed students who have not attended Salisbury University for five years or more and who can provide evidence of good academic promise may apply for readmission as students on academic probation or for classification as restricted status students. Academic dismissal may be appealed to the Office of Academic Affairs. Academically dismissed students may also qualify for academic clemency.

Academic Clemency Policy

For a variety of reasons, some students may have academic records that do not accurately reflect their academic abilities. To encourage students who have left the university with poor academic records to subsequently return and succeed, the University is prepared to extend academic clemency.

Students who have not attended the University for at least five years are eligible to apply for academic clemency. Students are only eligible for academic clemency one time during their academic careers, and they must apply during their initial semesters, terms, or sessions as returning students.

Students applying for academic clemency must complete an Academic Clemency Form on which they request to have up to 16 credit hours of D and F work removed from their grade-point averages by changing these grades to XD and XF respectively. When academic clemency is granted for D grades, the previously earned credits will be lost and may no longer be applied to any graduation requirements. Students who receive academic clemency are not precluded from graduating with honors.

NOTE: Also change page 66 of the catalogue as indicated:

Undergraduate Non-Degree Students

Undergraduate non-degree students (UND) are students usually pursuing one or two courses for personal or professional development and are not assigned an advisor. Upon completion of 30 semester hours, these students must apply for admission to the University as matriculated students. There are two types of UND students who are assigned advisors:

1. Provisional students, who are first-time students at the University. They are full-time, non-matriculated students attending under the direction of the dean of enrollment management.
2. Restricted status students, whose admissions have been revoked for inadequate academic performance but who are permitted to continue to attend the University under the direction of the Office of Academic Affairs.