I AM ON ACADEMIC PROBATION - WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

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What is Academic Probation?

• An academic warning sign
• Not making the academic progress the institution requires for graduation
• A probationary period
• A timely opportunity to assess your academic goals, choice of program, and study habits
I failed my way to success.

Thomas Edison
LET’S FIRST REVIEW SOME CONCEPTS

**SJSU Cumulative GPA (as shown on the transcript)**
Includes all letter-graded work in 100-level or 200-level courses completed subsequent to enrollment in graduate school.

**Candidacy GPA (as shown on the candidacy form)**
Is the GPA for the degree program, that is, the courses that appear on the candidacy form.

**Overall or All Cumulative GPA**
Includes SJSU Cumulative GPA calculation and the approved transferred PostBac Open University courses completed prior to enrollment in graduate school.

**Term GPA**
Is the GPA from averaging the grades after each semester.
Academic Probation at the Graduate Level

- Per University Policy S16-16 (also in the SJSU Catalog):
  On Probation = if at any time (following a Fall, Winter, Spring, or Summer term) your SJSU cumulative GPA falls below 3.0 (grade of “B” on a 4.0-point scale) in units attempted subsequent to matriculation in either conditionally classified or classified status.
Academic Probation at the Graduate Level

- Graduate students on probation remain on continued probation when the following term GPA is 3.0 or better, while the SJSU cumulative GPA remains below 3.0.

- The GPA among all of the courses that appear (count toward the degree) on the candidacy form, AKA candidacy GPA, must be a minimum of 3.0 for degree conferral.
Academic Probation at the Graduate Level

- All upper-division (100 level) and graduate-level (200 level) courses will be used in the calculation of **SJSU cumulative GPA**.

- Courses **transferred** into the graduate program from other institutions or from the SJSU undergraduate career **will not count** in the cumulative GPA computation.
Academic Probation at the Graduate Level

- To avoid disqualification, at least one letter-graded course must be taken each Spring and Fall semester, while on probation.

- Avoid disqualification — graduate students on probation or continued probation will be academically disqualified if the term GPA for a Fall, Winter, Spring, or Summer term is below 3.0.
Academic Probation at the Graduate Level

• Failure to Achieve a 3.0 Grade Point Average on Completed Graduate Degree Program:
  – Department may terminate the candidacy or permit completing additional courses in an attempt to raise the GPA in the program to the minimum 3.0 threshold
  – Elective courses may be added to the candidacy form for grade averaging if approved by the graduate advisor
  – Alternatively, courses can be repeated up to a limit of 9 units (per University Policy F08-2).
How does PROBATION impact my academic career at SJSU?

- Participation in CPT
- Eligibility for on-campus assistantships and jobs (by department)
- **Steps to graduation**: approval of candidacy and graduation application options
- **Eligibility** for project/thesis
- Potential delay in graduation
- Probation advising **hold** (varies by dpt.)
University Academic Probation

**Provision**
- **Probation**: Academic warning or probation entered if SJSU Cum GPA / Cum GPA below 3.0 after academic standing posts.
- **Continued Probation**: Although the term GPA of the second semester is above 3.0, the SJSU cum GPA is still under 3.0.
- **Good Standing**: Good standing is reached when the SJSU cum GPA is at 3.0 or above.

Well done. Keep it up!
Important Considerations

- Semester **unit load** — find balance
- Open **communication** with professors
- Regular checks on your **academic progress**: grades, meeting course expectations, understanding content
- Meet with your **academic advisor**
What now?
Visualize your goal. We are here to support you.
Resources

- Professors
- Departmental Academic Advisors
- ESSC Advisors - available for drop-ins and appointments
- ESSC success workshops: time management, self-care, skills ([ESSC calendar](#); ESSC blog in progress)
• ENGR student organizations
• Peer Connections and CoSAC
• MLK Library late night tutoring
• Writing Center
• College of Graduate Studies
• CAPS & Wellness: SJSU Cares, Food Pantry
Grading Changes Fall 2020

- Registrar’s Office: [Grade Changes and FAQs](#)

- Policy [F20-2](#) on **Grading Changes to Support Maximum Flexibility for SJSU Students During the Prolonged COVID-19 Pandemic**: grades of WU converted to W, and grades of F to be converted to NC by the Registrar’s Office. **No DQ Spring 2020 and Fall 2020.**

- Grades of C and above NOT eligible under this policy. A grad student with a grade between a C- and a D- *could* petition to retroactively withdraw from the course with Department's and Associate Dean's approval.

- For graduate students on a student visa (F1), with Veteran status, or on Financial Aid, other considerations might be involved, i.e. course load. Please **consult** with the appropriate office.
“When your life doesn't go as planned, change your perspective but do not stop dreaming.”

KATE MAURICE
THANKS!

Any questions?

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