

Spring 2020 Alternative Policy on Academic Probation, Suspension, and Dismissal for Undergraduate Students

The Academic Standing Committee understands students have experienced a significant disruption to learning that may impact some students' academic performance. The college is therefore enacting an alternative policy on **Academic Probation, Suspension, and Dismissal** for undergraduate students enrolled in undergraduate courses during the Spring 2019-2020 semester. This policy applies *only* to undergraduate students and *only* to undergraduate courses. It is in effect *only* for the Spring 2019-2020 semester.

At the conclusion of the Spring 2019-2020 term, no student will be newly placed on academic probation, suspended, or dismissed. Undergraduate students who began the Spring 2019-2020 term in good standing will remain in good standing.

Students who were placed on academic probation or extended probation at the conclusion of the Fall 2019-2020 or Immersive Term 2019-2020 may return to good standing at the conclusion of the Spring 2019-2020 term in ***either of*** two ways:

1. The student can meet or exceed the minimum cumulative GPA academic standards for class level (A=4.00) ***or***

Freshman 0-26 credits	cumulative GPA of 1.60 after first semester cumulative GPA of 1.80 beyond first semester
Sophomore 27-57 credits	cumulative GPA of 1.90
Junior, Senior 58+ credits	cumulative GPA of 2.00

2. The student can show academic progress by improving his/her cumulative GPA by 0.25 or more.

Students currently on probation may elect the College's alternative Satisfactory/Satisfactory D/Fail grading option for one or more courses but should work closely with an academic adviser or member of the Academic Affairs staff to determine how such a change may impact prospects for returning to good standing.

Students currently on probation who do not return to good standing under either of the conditions outlined above will continue to be held to the terms and restrictions of academic probation as outlined in the College's catalog.

No student will receive an academic suspension or dismissal at the conclusion of the Spring 2019-2020 term.

The above-described policy does not supersede the minimum cumulative GPA graduation requirement (2.00) or minimum GPA requirements for particular academic programs (e.g., Education, Exercise Science).

The above-described policy does not supersede the minimum cumulative or term GPA requirements for financial aid eligibility and Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) for financial aid purposes. For an understanding of how academic progress affects financial aid eligibility, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at finaid@franklincollege.edu.