

ACADEMIC STANDING POLICY

Policy Statement

Rhodes State College (RSC) calculates academic standing at the end of each semester and summer session. Academic standing is based upon the following grades: A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, E, earned by the student at Rhodes State and includes developmental courses.

Academic standing at RSC includes 5 categories: Good standing; Academic Warning; Academic Probation; Continued Probation; and Academic dismissal. A student is considered to be in good standing if his/her Cumulative GPA is 2.00 or higher.

A student is placed on academic warning or probation based upon the following credit and GPA ranges:

Current Cumulative GPA Divisor Hours	Suggested Cumulative GPA Divisor Hours	Warning GPA	Probation GPA
1-7	1 to 15	0.0 to 1.99	---
8-19	16-30	1.4 to 1.99	0.00 to 1.39
20-39	31-45	1.6 to 1.99	0.00 to 1.59
40-59	46-59	1.8 to 1.99	0.00 to 1.79
60+	60+	1.9 to 1.99	0.00 to 1.89

ACADEMIC STANDING PROCEDURE

Purpose/Scope

Academic Standing monitors the GPA progress of all enrolled students in credit bearing classes at the end of the fall and spring semester and the summer term. All degree candidates begin their academic careers in good standing. Those who fail to meet the requirements, as defined in the policy are automatically placed on academic warning or probation for the following semester or term. Those who fail to meet a minimum set of academic standards, or who do not return to good standing after a semester of academic probation, may be dismissed from the college for one academic semester or summer term.

Definitions

Academic Dismissal: A student may be academically dismissed from the college for failure to make “satisfactory academic progress”. Dismissal occurs when a student who is on probation fails to earn a 2.00 Term GPA or higher his/her next semester of attendance. Students who have been academically dismissed are denied enrollment and must sit out for one semester or summer session before re-instatement .

Academic Probation: Assigned when a student’s cumulative grade point average is less than 2.00. Students who do not receive a 2.00 term GPA in the following semester or term may be dismissed from the college. Students may remain on probation provided they earn a minimum of 2.00 Term GPA each succeeding term of attendance until a status of warning or good standing is achieved.

Academic probation will not be noted on a student’s official transcript, but will be part of the student’s record. Students will be alerted to being on academic probation and that they must improve their GPA to meet graduation requirements.

Academic Standing: a measure of the student's academic achievement relative to his/her degree requirements, and determines his/her eligibility to proceed in his/her academic plan, to participate in some college activities and to qualify for graduation.

Academic Warning: The first formal notification that a student has failed to meet the requirements for good academic standing. Although a student on academic warning will be considered in good standing for purposes of participation in college activities, he/she may be asked to meet with an academic success coach or academic advisor prior to any further registration activity.

Academic warning will not be noted on a student’s official transcript, but will be part of the student’s record. Students will be alerted to being on academic warning and that they must improve their GPA to meet graduation requirements.

Cumulative GPA: the student's overall GPA, which is calculated by dividing the number of quality points earned in all attempted graded courses by the total graded credit hours in all attempted graded courses. Cumulative grade point averages are computed at the end of fall, spring and combined summer terms and is based upon grades: A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, E, earned by the student at Rhodes State.

Good Standing: When a student's Term GPA is 2.00 or higher and the cumulative Rhodes State GPA is 2.00 or higher. Good Standing is not recorded on the academic transcript.

Reinstatement: The process by which a student returns to the college following academic dismissal. Students who are reinstated will be on Academic Probation.

Term GPA: The student's Term GPA is the semester or term average. It is computed at the end of each enrollment period, is based upon the following grades: A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, E, earned by the student at Rhodes State.

Procedures

1. After grades have been submitted for the semester or summer term, the registrar's office will process academic standing based on the table above.
2. Letters are prepared by the registrar's office and sent to students placed on Academic Warning. The list of students placed on Academic Warning is given to the Director of Advising & Counseling and the Associate Dean of the Academic Success Center for follow-up and intervention.
3. Letters are prepared by the registrar's office and sent to students placed on Academic Probation. The list of students placed on Academic Probation is given to the Director of Advising & Counseling and the Associate Dean of the Academic Success Center for follow-up and intervention.

A registration hold is placed on all students on Academic Probation which prevents them from registering for classes or changing their schedule without consultation with an academic advisor.

4. Letters are prepared by the registrar's office and sent to students placed on Academic Dismissal. If the student is registered for the subsequent semester or term, the registrar's office will drop the student's schedule with no financial penalty. The list of students placed on Academic Dismissal is given to the Director of Advising & Counseling and the Associate Dean of the Academic Success Center for possible re-instatement follow-up. The Vice President for Academic Affairs reviews recommendations for students seeking reinstatement to the College and specifies certain criteria that must be met in order for reinstatement to occur.

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5. A registration hold is placed on dismissed students which prevents them from registering for courses without being reinstated.
 6. The list of students being placed on academic warning and academic probation will be sent to the department chair of the student's major in addition to the division dean of the major for additional follow-up.
 7. The list of students placed on academic warning, probation, and dismissal will be reviewed with the Associate Dean of the Academic Success Center to determine if the student had been identified in the early alert process.
 8. The list of students identified as needing academic intervention will be reviewed with the list of students in good academic standing as a measure of success of early alert.