

## Standards of Scholarship

1. Minimum grade point average (GPA): Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 1.80 (0- 23 credits), 1.90 (24-56 credits) and 2.00 (57 or more credits).
2. Academic Warning: When a student's term GPA falls below 2.00 but the cumulative GPA is at or above the required minimum, the student will be given an academic warning. This warning is not part of the student's permanent academic record. However, it does alert the student to potential difficulties.
3. Academic Probation, Suspension, and Dismissal

- a. Academic Probation

Any full-time student who fails to maintain a cumulative grade point average as outlined above will be placed on academic probation. A student will be removed from academic probation when the cumulative GPA meets the required minimum. A student on academic probation will be advised to take a maximum of 14 credits per semester while on probation.

- b. Academic Suspension

A full-time student on academic probation whose cumulative GPA after a probationary semester remains below the minimum required will be suspended. A part-time student, who after going on probation, completes an additional 18 credits but has not met the required minimum cumulative GPA with the inclusion of those 18 credits, will be suspended. Any student taking six or more credits in a semester who receives less than a 1.00 term grade point average for the semester will be suspended, whether or not the cumulative grade point average would have warranted it.

- c. Appealing Suspension

A suspension may be appealed within the time limit stated in the suspension notification. The student must file a written petition with the Registrar stating the reason for the appeal. Appeals are reviewed by the Academic Appeals Subcommittee. If the suspension appeal is granted, the student will continue on probation for a specified number of terms, usually two, to allow the student to achieve good standing. If good standing is not achieved within the specified period, the student will be suspended.

- d. Readmission

Suspended students may apply for readmission after two semesters have elapsed. When applying for readmission, the student should present evidence of the potential for academic success. Normally, this is demonstrated by presenting a transcript of courses successfully taken elsewhere during the semesters of suspension. Readmission is not automatic and is contingent upon evidence that the student has the ability and motivation to succeed in college. Requests for readmission will be considered by the Academic Appeals Subcommittee. If accepted for readmission, a student must meet the college's standards for good academic standing within two semesters of full-time study. If this has not occurred after two semesters, the student will be academically dismissed.

- e. Academic Dismissal

A student who is academically suspended for a second time is considered academically dismissed.

A student who is academically dismissed may not apply for readmission for two years. In addition, such a student must present 24 credits of transferrable work taken after the dismissal from Messiah. Requests for readmission will be considered by the Academic Appeals Subcommittee. Readmission is not automatic and is contingent upon the evidence presented and the likelihood of the student succeeding at Messiah.