

# ACADEMIC STANDING

To maintain good academic standing, students must achieve the following:

## Undergraduates:

- Earn a 2.00 semester (term) grade point average or higher for the most recent term.
- Earn a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or higher.

## Graduate and Doctoral Students:

- Minimum cumulative grade point average required by their program. Please check the program requirements for details.

Any undergraduate students failing to maintain the minimum grade point average required by their academic program after the completion of 6 or more credits in a term, any graduate students failing to maintain the minimum cumulative grade point average required by their program after the completion of 5 or more credits in a term, or any doctoral students failing to maintain the minimum cumulative grade point average required by their program after the completion of 3 or more credits in a term will be placed on Academic Warning (for the purposes of tracking program GPA requirements). All students on Academic Warning must adhere to the stipulations of their warning as outlined in their notice of Academic Standing. These limitations can include restrictions on the number of credits they may take per term (generally a limit of 15 credits for undergraduate students and 12 credits for graduate students). Undergraduate students on Academic Warning must register for and successfully complete GNST 001. Traditional Undergraduate students on Academic Warning are required to meet with the Office of Academic Advising. The academic record and transcript of all students on Academic Warning will be notated accordingly.

## Academic Disqualification (p. 1)

Students who are placed on Academic Warning (for the purpose of monitoring program GPA requirements) must raise their GPA to meet the minimum requirement within two consecutive terms. Failure to do so will result in academic disqualification.

In addition, students may be academically disqualified based on poor academic performance in a single term, as outlined below:

- **Undergraduate students** enrolled in 6 or more credits in a term who earn a **term GPA below 1.0** will be academically disqualified.
- **Graduate students** enrolled in 5 or more credits in a term who earn a **term GPA below 1.0** will be academically disqualified.
- **Doctoral students** enrolled in 3 or more credits in a term who earn a **term GPA below 1.0** will be academically disqualified.

Students who have been academically disqualified may not change their program or major for the purpose of avoiding, resetting, or improving their academic standing. Academic standing is tied to the student's overall academic record, not to a specific program or major. A change in program does not remove probation, disqualification, or other standing-related actions. All academic standing decisions remain in effect regardless of any subsequent program or major changes.

## Academic Disqualification Appeals (p. 1)

Academic disqualification appeals must be submitted using the **Appeal to the University Registrar form** and should be submitted in a timely manner.

The appeal must include a written explanation addressing the following:

- The reasons the student did not meet satisfactory academic progress.
- What has changed in the student's circumstances that will support academic success in the upcoming term.

Appeals should be thorough and at least one page in length. Additional documentation may be requested as part of the review process.

If the appeal is approved, the student will be placed on Academic Probation for the following term and provided with specific conditions designed to support GPA improvement. Failure to meet the conditions outlined in the approval letter and repair GPA will result in academic disqualification.

Please note that if an appeal is not received by the start of the **second week of the term**, the student will be administratively dropped from all registered courses.

A disqualified student at the undergraduate level who does not appeal, or whose appeal was denied, may be considered for re-admission after 1 term away upon presenting evidence of their ability to perform satisfactory college-level work. Normally, the expectation is that the student will complete at least twelve credits at another regionally accredited college or university with no grade below a C.

A disqualified student at the graduate level who does not appeal, or whose appeal was denied, may be considered for re-admission after 1 term away upon presenting evidence of their ability to perform satisfactory graduate-level work.

A student who has been disqualified twice may not be readmitted to the University.

## Warning/Probation Removed (p. 1)

When undergraduate students taking 6 or more credits in a term, or graduate students taking 5 or more credits in a term, raise both their term and cumulative GPA to the minimum program required GPA or higher, they are removed from Academic Warning or Probation (for the purposes of tracking program GPA requirements). "Warning Removed" or "Probation Removed" is noted on the transcript, and all Academic Warning or Probation restrictions are lifted.

## Good Academic Standing (p. 1)

Any student not on Academic Warning or Probation (for the purposes of tracking program GPA requirements) or Academic Disqualification is considered to be in Good Academic Standing (for the purposes of tracking program GPA requirements).

## **Satisfactory Academic Progress and Financial Aid Eligibility (p. 2)**

Although Satisfactory Academic Progress (for the purposes of financial aid) is independent from Academic Standing as defined above, poor academic performance may also result in financial aid suspension. For additional information on Financial Aid's Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy see the Financial Aid Information section (<https://catalog.biola.edu/financial-aid-information/>).