

# Standards of Academic Progress Policy

In order to avoid academic probation, a student is required to achieve the following minimum levels of progress as measured by the student's cumulative grade point average (GPA): A student who has attempted

1. **12-21** GPA credit hours at Gadsden State must maintain a **1.5** Cumulative Grade Point Average;
2. **22-32** GPA credit hours at Gadsden State must maintain a **1.75** Cumulative Grade Point Average; and
3. **33** or more GPA credit hours at Gadsden State must maintain a **2.0** Cumulative Grade Point Average.

The **standards of progress** are applied as follows:

1. If a student's cumulative GPA is at or above the requirements listed above, the status is **CLEAR**.
2. If a student's cumulative GPA is below the required standard and the GPA for the term is below 2.00, the student will be placed on **ACADEMIC PROBATION**.
  1. If, while a student is on academic probation, the student's cumulative GPA remains below the required standard, but the GPA for that term is 2.00 or higher, the student will remain on **ACADEMIC PROBATION**.
  2. If, while a student is on academic probation, the student's cumulative GPA remains below the required standard and the GPA for that term is below 2.00, the student will be **SUSPENDED FOR ONE TERM**. The transcript will be stamped "**SUSPENDED - ONE TERM**."
  3. If, while a student is on academic probation, the student's cumulative GPA reaches at least the minimum standard of progress appropriate to the student's situation based on the number of hours attempted, the status will once again be **CLEAR**.
3. If a student has been suspended for one term, he/she may appeal for re-admission. (An explanation of the appeal process appears below). If the student is re-admitted on appeal without having served the one-semester suspension, the transcript will be stamped "**SUSPENDED - ONE TERM/READMITTED UPON APPEAL**." Whether re-admitted because of appeal or by serving the one-term suspension, the student will re-enter Gadsden State on **ACADEMIC PROBATION**.
4. If a student has re-entered after having been suspended for one term, whether through appeal or through serving out the suspension, without having attained **CLEAR** status, and if the cumulative GPA falls below the required standard, but the GPA for that term is 2.00 or higher, the student will remain on **ACADEMIC PROBATION**. If, however, the student has re-entered after having been suspended for one term, whether through appeal or through serving out the suspension, without having attained a **CLEAR** status, and if the cumulative GPA falls below the required standard and if the GPA for that term is also below 2.00, the student will be suspended for one calendar year. The transcript will be stamped "**SUSPENDED - ONE YEAR**."
5. If suspended for one year, the student may appeal for re-admission (as indicated in the "Appeal Process" section below). If the student is re-admitted on appeal, the transcript will be stamped "**SUSPENDED - ONE YEAR/READMITTED UPON APPEAL**." Whether re-admitted because of appeal or by serving the one-year suspension, the student will re-enter Gadsden State on **ACADEMIC PROBATION**.
6. All pertinent academic designations except **CLEAR** will appear on the student's transcript.
7. Financial Aid Standards of Academic Progress differ. See <https://www.gadsdenstate.edu/admissions-aid/sap-guidelines.cms> for more information.
8. Gadsden State programs that are subject to external licensure, certification, and/or accreditation or that require fewer than four semesters for completion may have higher standards of progress than those listed above for the College in general.