



Academic Retention Standards: Undergraduate	
Responsible Official: Provost	Responsible Office: Registrar

Policy Purpose

This policy establishes the minimum criteria for undergraduate academic retention standards at East Tennessee State University.

Policy Statement

- I. East Tennessee State University expects all enrolled students to maintain the required overall combined GPA for the number of credits they have attempted as described below.

Semester Credits Attempted	Required Overall Combined GPA
0-29	1.4
29.1-45	1.7
45.1-59.9	1.9
60+	2.0

- II. Students who do not meet the academic retention standards will be placed on academic probation or academic suspension for the subsequent term(s).

- A. Academic Probation

Students who fail to meet the retention standards during any semester will be placed on academic probation for the subsequent semester (including summer session) of their enrollment. Students on probation may not enroll in more than 13 credits.

- B. Academic Suspension

- i. Students who fail to attain either the overall combined GPA standard or a 2.0 GPA for the semester of academic probation will be suspended for one major term (spring or fall semester). The summer semester does not count as a term of suspension.
- ii. When low grades are related to extenuating circumstances, students may petition Student Affairs to waive the period of suspension.
- iii. On the second suspension for failure to meet academic retention standards, the period of academic suspension is for two major terms. The summer semester does not count as a term of suspension.

- iv. If grades earned at other regionally accredited institutions during a period of academic suspension from ETSU make a student admissible as a transfer student, the executive director of undergraduate admissions may admit the student prior to completion of the academic suspension period.
- v. Students wishing to re-enroll after a period of suspension must apply for readmission in Admissions.
- vi. Students who enroll at other institutions during a period of academic suspension from ETSU must meet ETSU's transfer admission requirements.

Definitions

NA

Policy History

Effective Date: March 24, 2018; approved by Academic Council 6/28/2018

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Procedure (s)

1. The Registrar's office reviews student academic records at the end of each term to determine compliance with academic retention standards.
2. The Registrar's office notifies the students placed on academic suspension by letter and those placed on academic probation by email of their options.

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Related Form(s)

[The Petition for an Appeal of Academic Status](#)

Scope and Applicability

Primary: Academics

Secondary: Students