

College of Science and Technology

Academic Standards Policy

The College of Science and Technology has set minimum standards that a student must achieve to remain in good academic standing. In general these standards are reflective of those established by the University and are as follows:

- 1-14 hours attempted—Not less than a 1.4 cumulative GPA
- 15-29 hours attempted—Not less than a 1.6 cumulative GPA
- 30-59 hours attempted—Not less than a 1.8 cumulative GPA
- 60 or more hours attempted—Not less than a 2.0 cumulative GPA
and satisfactory completion of all developmental or remedial courses

Probationary or Notice status will be incurred by the student who fails to meet the standards listed above in any semester.

Academic Notice: Students falling below the set standards outlined above will be placed on Academic Notice. **Students on Academic Notice must get advisement in their home (major) department before they will be allowed to enroll. After advisement in their home department, the student enrollment request, and maximum hours allowed is reported to the Office of Student Services. The student must report to Office of Student Services in room 157 of the Science Center for academic monitoring.**

Academic Probation: Students who are currently on Academic Notice and who fail to maintain the minimum cumulative GPA requirements as outlined above are placed on Academic Probation. In short, if a student falls below the set standards, the student is placed first on Academic Notice. If in the following semester, the student again falls below the set standards, the student will be placed on Academic Probation. Undergraduate students may be removed from Academic Probation at the close of the semester in which they earn a cumulative GPA that meets the standards outlined above. They may register for not more than 15 semester credit hours. **Students on Academic Probation must get advisement in their home (major) department before they will be allowed to enroll. After advisement in their home department, the student enrollment request, and maximum hours allowed is reported to the Office of Student Services. The student must report to Office of Student Services in room 157 of the Science Center for academic monitoring.**

Suspension: Students on Academic Probation earning a GPA below the standards outlined above are suspended for **one academic year**. Undergraduate students failing to maintain the required GPA in any semester while on Academic Probation will be suspended.

- a. Students placed on academic suspension at the end of a fall semester **must sit out the following spring, and summer semesters and will be eligible to re-enroll in the subsequent fall semester.**
- b. Students placed on academic suspension at the end of a spring semester **must sit out the following summer, and fall semesters and will be eligible to re-enroll in the subsequent spring semester.**
- c. Students placed on academic suspension at the end of a summer session **must sit out the following fall, and spring semesters and will be eligible to re-enroll in the subsequent summer semester.**

Students who have been placed on academic suspension may apply for re-admission to the University, provided they can show evidence of increased academic maturity. Such evidence may be grades for courses taken at another institution of higher learning, if such courses are not repeats of courses successfully completed at TSU. Military service and associated courses/training may also be used as evidence of maturity.

Readmission from Academic Suspension:

Only the dean of the college may readmit students on academic suspension from Texas Southern University.

Readmission from academic suspension is neither automatic nor guaranteed. Students seeking readmission must first meet with their major department advisor. Suspended students are required to submit the following:

- a. A written petition justifying their readiness to resume their studies at the University.
- b. **Official transcripts** showing at least a 2.00 grade point average (with no course having a grade below C) **on a minimum of 12 credit hours** of college work completed elsewhere while on academic suspension from Texas Southern University.
- c. Transcripts of all other completed college work.
- d. Students seeking to change their majors from the college from which they were suspended to another college must submit a "change of major" request along with a petition for readmission from academic suspension to the college of the intended major.

The major advisor will complete an academic monitoring form and make a recommendation to the department Chair. The Department Chair will review all documentation and make a recommendation to the Office of Student Services. All documentation will be forwarded to the Office of Student Services for final consideration. The suspended student will be notified in writing of the decision. Students allowed to return from suspension will be admitted under probationary status. **After advisement in**

their home department, the student enrollment request, and maximum hours allowed is reported to the Office of Student Services. The student must report to Office of Student Services in room 157 of the Science Center for academic monitoring.

Departments within the college may have additional policies and procedures pertaining to readmission from academic suspension; therefore, students seeking readmission should consult the appropriate department section in the undergraduate catalog and request information from the office of the departmental chair for specific departmental requirements.

When re-admitted, the student will enter the college with probationary status. Another suspension at the end of the semester of re-admission may be avoided by achieving the minimum cumulative average according to the above standards. Moreover, a student on Academic Probation will not be suspended at the end of any semester during which a semester average of 2.00 has been earned.

Any student enrolled in nine or more credit hours and who earns an “F” in all classes will be suspended from the University for the following semester.

NOTE:

Each department may adopt its own set of “Academic Progression Standards” to address the particular academic needs of its students. These standards, however, may be higher than the standards of the College, as set out above, but they may not be lower.

The university Academic Standing Policy will change in the near future with GPA criteria that may be more stringent. The College of Science and Technology Academic Policy will change at that time. Students must check the COST web page at <http://cost.tsu.edu/WebPages/StudentForms.php> for updates to the COST Academic Policy.