

PROBATION AND DISQUALIFICATION - ACADEMIC AND PROGRESS

Probation - Probation is a system of monitoring student progress in order to: (1) Identify students who are experiencing difficulty in making satisfactory progress toward an appropriate educational objective; and, (2) Encourage those students to reassess their educational objective and the means required to achieve it. Following are the two types of probation:

1. Academic Probation - A student who has attempted twelve (12) units or more at Southwestern College shall be placed on Academic Probation when his/her cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) at Southwestern College falls below 2.0. Note: Units attempted prior to Spring 1983 will not be considered in this Policy.
2. Progress Probation - A student who has attempted twelve (12) units or more at Southwestern College shall be placed on Progress Probation when his/her total units at Southwestern College include fifty percent (50%) or more of W, I or NC Grades.

Removal from Academic Probation - A student is removed from Academic Probation status when his/her total Grade Point Average at Southwestern College is 2.0 or above.

Removal from Progress Probation - A student is removed from Progress Probation status when his/her total units of W, I or NC at Southwestern College are less than fifty percent (50%) of the total units attempted.

Disqualification - Disqualification is a policy of forced interruption in attendance at Southwestern College intended to assist students in reevaluating their educational goals.

Academic Disqualification - A student on Academic Probation status is disqualified when his/her semester Grade Point Average falls below 2.0 for two (2) consecutive semesters. A student whose semester Grade Point Average equals or exceeds 2.0 but whose overall Grade Point Average remains below 2.0 shall remain on Academic Probation.

Progress Disqualification - A student on Progress Probation is disqualified when his/her semester units of W, I or NC exceed fifty percent (50%) of the units attempted for two (2) consecutive semesters. A student whose semester units completed equals or exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the units attempted but whose overall units show fifty percent (50%) or more of W, I or NC shall remain on Progress Probation.

Reinstatement After Disqualification - A student who is disqualified for the first time (academically or for progress) is eligible to return after one (1) semester. Students who are disqualified lose their continuing student status and must reapply to the College.

A student who is disqualified for the second time (academically or for progress) is eligible to return after two (2) semesters. Students who are disqualified lose their continuing student status and must reapply to the College.

Petitions for Reinstatements - A student who is disqualified may petition the Probation and Disqualification Committee requesting reconsideration and reinstatement. Petitions may be approved because of extenuating circumstances such as verified cases of accidents, illness or other circumstances beyond the control of the student. Students who are reinstated remain on a probationary status and are subject to disqualification if their total GPA remains below 2.0 or their total units completed remain below fifty percent (50%).

Petitions are available in the Admissions Center.