



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

Policy Purpose

This policy specifies the minimum criteria for undergraduate academic retention standards.

Policy Statement

I. GPA.

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 – 50.9	1.9
60+	2.0

II. Academic Probation and Suspension.

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 credits than allowed in the [Undergraduate Course Load Policy](#).

B. Academic Suspension.

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.

- i. When low grades are related to extenuating circumstances, students may petition Student Life and Enrollment to waive the period of suspension.
- ii. 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.

Students wishing to re-enroll after a period of suspension must apply for readmission in Admissions. Students who enroll at other institutions during a period of academic suspension from ETSU must meet ETSU's transfer admission requirements. If grades earned at other regionally accredited institutions during a period of academic suspension from ETSU make a student admissible as a transfer student, Assistant Vice President and Executive Director of Undergraduate Admissions may admit the student prior to completion of the academic suspension period.

Authority: Focus Act § 49-8-203, et seq.

Previous Policy:

Defined Terms

Policy History

Effective Date

- a. Initial: March 24, 2018; approved by Academic Council 6/28/2018
- b. Revised: May 24, 2024 (Technical Revision)

Procedure

The Registrar's office reviews student academic records at the end of each term to determine compliance with academic retention standards. 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 Forms

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