



PROCEDURE: 6.5.1pL

WGTC Academic Standards

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Purpose

Students attending Wiregrass Georgia Technical College are expected to meet certain academic standards. These standards stress the importance of successful performance by students to maintain good academic standing. Students shall be made aware of the specific WGTC requirements for maintaining Good Academic Standing, Satisfactory Academic Progress (Financial Aid) and the required qualifications for graduation. Academic Standing is reflected each term on the student's transcript.

Academic Good Standing

Students are considered to be in good standing if they maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher. Students on academic warning may also return to good standing, regardless of cumulative GPA, upon earning a semester grade point average of 2.0 or higher. Academic standing determinations are made at the end of each semester.

Academic Warning

The first time a student earns a semester grade point average of less than 2.0 and also has a cumulative grade point average of less than 2.0, they will be placed on academic warning. To be removed from academic warning, a student must earn a semester grade point average of 2.0 or higher during the next semester of attendance. A student who does not achieve a semester grade point average of 2.0 or higher while on academic warning will be placed on academic probation.

Academic Probation

A student previously placed on academic warning who earns a semester grade point average of less than 2.0 will be placed on academic probation. Students remain on academic probation until they earn a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better. Students will receive notification via student email that they have been placed on academic probation.

Academic Dismissal

A student on academic probation whose semester and cumulative grade point averages are less than 2.0 will be placed on academic dismissal. Students on academic dismissal are required to sit

out for one semester. In certain circumstances, a student may be dismissed or suspended from an academic program or the technical college without first being placed on probation. These circumstances may include program specific GPA deficits, attendance issues, or other requirements as outlined in the program specific academic requirements. Students who are dismissed due to academic misconduct are subject to disciplinary sanctions as outlined in the Student Conduct Code and will be required to meet with the Vice President for Enrollment Management, or appropriate designee, prior to applying for re-admission. Students who are on academic dismissal will not be allowed to graduate.

Students must additionally comply with the satisfactory progress requirements for Title IV eligibility according to 20 U.S.C. 1091(d), Sec. 668.34 and other college policies regarding financial aid.

To return to WGTC after an academic dismissal, a student must meet with an Advising and Retention Center (ARC) Advisor before mid-term of the semester during which the student is on academic dismissal. With guidance from the ARC Advisor, the student will create an academic plan to be followed upon re-enrollment and will address any Financial Aid concerns for the student's re-enrollment term. The student is required to follow all imposed sanctions upon returning to the College. An example of an imposed sanction may require the student to attend specific dates for tutoring or complete the College Success (COLL 1010) course.

A student who is approved to return to WGTC after an Academic Dismissal will be placed on Academic Probation their first term back. The student is required to earn a semester grade point average of 2.0 or higher in order to continue to the next semester. The student will remain on academic probation until obtaining a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher in order to achieve good academic standing.

Responsibility

The Vice President for Enrollment Management has the overall responsibility of ensuring this procedure is implemented.

References:

TCSG Policy 6.5.1

TCSG Procedure 6.5.1p