

**Policy on Academic Standing for Undergraduate Students**  
**in Full-time Programs**

The academic status of every student is reviewed at the end of each semester. Failure to make satisfactory progress and remain in Good Standing can result in Academic Probation, Suspension for a stated time or until stated conditions are met, or Dismissal, as detailed below.

Definition of GPI and GPA:

**GPI** or Grade Point Index is a single-semester indicator, calculated by dividing the grade points earned by the number of credits attempted.

**GPA** or Grade Point Average is a cumulative average, calculated across all enrolled semesters.

**Good Standing**

Full-time students maintain good academic standing when they achieve all three of the following: (1) earn at least 12 academic credits in the semester just completed; (2) earn a semester GPI of at least 2.00; and (3) maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.00. (Note: Academic credits do not include PDP (Physical Education and Dance) credits. Grades for transfer credits are not counted in the grade point average.)

**Academic Probation**

A student is put on Academic Probation when s/he is in danger of not making sufficient academic progress toward his/her degree, having fallen below a 2.00 GPI or GPA or not completed 12 credits in a semester. Students are reviewed after one semester on Academic Probation. Those who earn a GPI and GPA of 2.00 or above and complete 12 credits during the probationary semester will return to **Good Standing**. Those students who do not achieve **Good Standing** (as defined above) during the probationary semester will move to **Academic Suspension, Dismissal**, or a second semester of **Academic Probation**, as determined by the School or College of enrollment. Students can be on **Academic Probation** for no more than two consecutive semesters. Academic Probation does not prohibit students from participating in extracurricular activities or intercollegiate athletics.

Students currently on Academic Probation who have completed Boston University summer courses may request a review of their academic standing at the end of the summer session. Such a review would combine the summer session and the student's previous semester of enrollment for the purposes of satisfying the credit threshold requirement related to **Good Standing** and for calculating the GPI and GPA.

### **Academic Suspension**

A student faces Academic Suspension when s/he has spent one or two semesters on **Probation** and has not achieved **Good Standing** (as defined above) in the most recent semester of Academic Probation. Specifics regarding the duration and terms of the **Academic Suspension** will be determined by the individual School or College on a case-by-case basis. Appeals of **Suspension** are directed to the dean of the School or College of enrollment.

### **Reinstatement after Academic Suspension**

Students who have fulfilled their period of **Academic Suspension** must meet with their academic advisor and must also reestablish their standing in the School or College of enrollment by contacting the designated official (list of officials by school/college). Students are reinstated to a probationary standing.

### **Dismissal**

A student faces **Dismissal** if s/he has spent one or two semesters on **Probation** and has not achieved a GPI and GPA of 2.00 and completed 12 credits in the most recent semester of Academic Probation. A student also faces Dismissal if s/he has spent at least one semester on Suspension and has not fulfilled the terms of the Suspension. Decisions on **Dismissal** are made by the individual School or College on a case-by-case basis. Dismissal results in permanent separation from the University. Appeals of **Dismissal** are directed to the dean of the School or College of enrollment.

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