

Lamar University's Undergraduate Academic Probation, Suspension, Expulsion (Dismissal), Grade Replacement, and Incomplete Grades Policies

23. Academic Probation and Suspension

Academic Probation

Students are placed on academic probation after earning a cumulative grade point average (GPA) below 2.00 for the first time or immediately following a semester of good academic standing (2.00 or higher cumulative GPA). This designation indicates the student is not making satisfactory academic progress toward the completion of a baccalaureate degree. Students receive individual email notifications of their academic probation status that explain the requirements that must be met to return to good academic standing.

During the semester of academic probation status, students are restricted to a maximum of 13 credits and required to meet with their designated College Success Coach and develop an academic success plan. The academic success plan serves as an academic contract between the student and the university for the next semester/term. The student may be required to seek out and/or utilize support services (e.g., academic coaching, tutoring, career services) as a condition of the contract. Failure to comply with the conditions of academic probation may result in further restrictions on registration or academic suspension or expulsion. Registration of students on academic probation will be blocked by the university until permission is granted by their designated College Success Coach.

Students are returned to good academic standing upon earning a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher. A student on probation who demonstrates academic improvement (i.e., a 2.00 or higher semester GPA) during the next semester of enrollment, but whose cumulative GPA does not return to satisfactory academic progress (2.00 cumulative GPA), will remain on probation. In determining academic standing, all grades are counted when calculating the semester GPA including any grades excluded due to grade replacement.

Academic Suspension

Students will receive at least one semester of academic probation before receiving a suspension. A student on probation who does not demonstrate academic improvement (i.e., lower than a 2.00 semester GPA) will be academically suspended from Lamar University. A student subject to his or her first academic suspension must serve a long semester (fall or spring) or entire summer (summer mini, summer sessions I-IV) before returning to Lamar University. A second suspension will last two consecutive semesters (i.e., fall-spring, spring-summer, summer-fall).

To return to the University after a suspension longer than one year, students must reapply as returning students and submit a letter of appeal as part of the readmit review process. Readmission is not automatic and there is no guarantee of admission into a specific academic program as some majors have additional GPA requirements for readmission consideration. Upon acceptance, the student will be placed on probation with mandatory conditions and restrictions in the next semester of enrollment.

Academic Expulsion

A third suspension will result in expulsion from Lamar University. Expulsion is a permanent separation from the university.

For additional information, a student on probation or suspension should contact the Office of Student Success or their LU Online advisor.

6. Grade Replacement Policy

Students may replace an undergraduate course grade by repeating a course. If a student repeats a course, the official grade is the higher one, although all grades remain on the student's transcript. A grade, once earned and entered on a student's transcript, cannot be removed. The repetition of a course taken at another institution will not replace a grade in the grade point average (GPA) calculation of the Lamar University course. This policy does not apply to classes repeated before the fall of 2000. Once a degree has been conferred, a student may not use the Course Repetition/Grade Replacement Policy for any courses used to award the degree or calculate the cumulative grade point average. For more information, please contact the registrar, (409) 880-8358 or records@lamar.edu.

20. Incomplete Grades Policy

The grade of "I" may be given when any requirement of the course, including the final examination, is not completed. Arrangements to complete deficiencies in a course should be made with the instructor prior to the end of the semester or term. Incomplete work must be finished during the next long semester or the Records Office will change the "I" to the grade of "F." While the extension may be granted by the instructor with the approval of his/her Department Chair and Academic Dean, once the "I" is changed to an "F" it cannot be changed back to an "I." In this case, either a "change of grade" procedure must be initiated or the course must then be repeated if credit is desired. The instructor may record the grade of "F" for a student who is absent from the final examinations and is not passing the course.