

ACADEMIC DISMISSAL/ ACADEMIC WARNING

PLEASE NOTE

This academic standing policy for current students enrolled in classes prior to Fall 2007 will remain. In Fall 2009 all of these students and all new students enrolled in classes as of Fall 2007 are subject to the new academic standing policy.

Academic Dismissal

Academic Dismissal occurs when students make unsatisfactory academic progress. Such a dismissal will generally, but not always, take place at the end of the academic year. Students so dismissed cannot register in either the summer or academic year terms, as a full or part-time student, nor as a non-matriculated student. However, students may register in courses offered in the basic skills module. Students who register for courses other than those in the basic skills module will be withdrawn by the Registrar. Students who have been academically dismissed may apply for readmission through the Admissions Office after one academic year. Students who have been academically dismissed may not participate in any University or student activities.

Students whose cumulative grade point average falls below certain prescribed standards are dismissed from the University. Such dismissal occurs if, after enrolling for:

- 24 credits, the cumulative grade point average is **below 1.2**
- 58 credits, the cumulative grade point average is **below 1.5**
- 90 credits, the cumulative grade point average is **below 1.8**

Students must meet the basic skills requirements within one year of admission to the University. Failure to do so may lead to dismissal. After attempting twenty-four (24) semester hours or more, students whose cumulative number of semester hour credits of withdrawal exceed twenty-five (25) percent of the semester hours attempted may be dismissed from the University. (This is exclusive of medical withdrawals.)

Academic Warning

Academic Warning occurs when student's academic records do not warrant dismissal but when there is concern for their academic progress. Normally students may not continue at the University on academic warning for more than one academic year. Students are placed on academic warning if, after enrolling for:

- 24 credits, the cumulative grade point average is at least **1.2 but below 1.6**
- 58 credits, the cumulative grade point average is at least **1.5 but below 1.8**
- 90 credits, the cumulative grade point average is at least **1.8 but below 2.0**

Students on academic warning are not permitted to participate in any organization sponsored by the University or chartered by the Student Government Association, unless such participation is a requirement of a University academic program. The dean of students will notify coaches, advisors, directors and sponsors of activities of those students who have been placed on an academic warning status.

Students placed on academic warning status have one academic year to raise their cumulative averages to the G.P.A. outlined in the above criteria. Correspondence relating to academic dismissal and academic warning is sent to the students addresses of record. Students are responsible for ensuring that their addresses of record are current and accurate.

The Rowan Senate Academic Policies and Procedures Committee, as part of the governance mechanism of the University, is responsible for recommending academic policies. Using

standards set by this committee, the Deans' Review Committees decide whether students should continue their studies, be placed on academic warning or be dismissed from the University.

Appeal Process

Students may appeal a dismissal or an academic warning decision in writing within two weeks of the date of the notice of academic warning or dismissal. The written appeals should be submitted to the appropriate Dean's Review Committee. The academic deans review appeals of students whose declared major is in their colleges. The director of academic support programs reviews appeals of students who have not declared a major. Students who fail to achieve minimum basic skills requirements within the prescribed time frame may be subject to academic warning or dismissal. The director of the Academic Success Center must review and clear students who have been academically dismissed for basic skills deficiencies before they may continue at the University. Each review committee shall grant students interviews, if requested, and review all materials submitted by students in support of their appeals. A final determination will be made based on the appeal.

Decisions concerning academic dismissal and warning are made independently of decisions governing financial aid awards. Appeals regarding the discontinuance of financial aid must be made to the director of financial aid.

The University academic dismissal, suspension and probation policy applies equally to all undergraduate students.