

Board Policies

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

266.00 ACADEMIC PROGRESS

1. Academic Standing

A student whose cumulative grade point average (GPA) is 2.00 or above is considered in good academic standing. Academic standing is determined by all attempted course work at Cowley College. Attempted course work is defined as any course that has received a grade of A, B, C, D, or F. Courses that have received a grade of W are not included in attempted course work.

2. Academic Probation

a. Cowley students are expected to perform at an academic level sufficient for graduation. Any student whose current semester grade point average falls below the following guidelines after attempting 12 or more total credit hours will be placed on academic probation and notified by the Registrar after semester grades have been posted.

Hours Attempted	Required Cumulative GPA
1-11	N/A
12-30	1.75
31+	2.00

b. Students placed on probation shall not enroll in more than twelve (12) credit hours the following semester without consent of the Chief Academic Officer (CAO).

3. Academic Improvement Plan

Once placed on academic probation, the student must adhere to each of the following guidelines to continue enrollment in subsequent semesters.

- The student has one semester to make progress toward the minimum standards outlined above or the student will be suspended from Cowley for one semester (fall or spring).
- At the end of this time period, the student will be readmitted on a probationary basis and required to maintain a 2.0 semester GPA until the minimum cumulative GPA standard is met.
- The student will complete a course on academic success by the end of the first semester of academic probation.

4. Academic Suspension

Any student on academic probation that does not meet each of the criteria under the academic improvement plan outlined above will be suspended from enrollment at Cowley College for one semester (fall or spring). The student will be notified by the Registrar of the suspension. Upon return to Cowley, the student must make academic progress and maintain a semester GPA of 2.00 or higher until the student is in good academic standing. Failure to maintain the semester GPA requirement will result in subsequent academic suspension of one academic year (fall, spring, and summer).

Academically suspended students may appeal in writing to the CAO. All appeals must provide written documentation substantiating the student's reinstatement request.

5. Academic Fresh Start

Students who return to Cowley College after an absence of at least two years from higher education, and who subsequently pass twelve hours with a 2.00 GPA or better, may petition to implement the Academic Fresh Start procedure. If the petition is approved, all the grades previous to the return to college will be changed to "NC". All the courses will continue to appear on the transcript, but will not be calculated into the new GPA. A notation will appear on the transcript indicating Academic Fresh Start. Academic Fresh Start may be granted only once and does not apply to any courses taken at another college or university.

6. Academic progress standards

Academic progress standards for recipients of financial aid are outlined in Policy 433.00.

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