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## Academic Dismissal Policy [update to Interim Academic Policy]

Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania

Approved by University Senate, [Date of Approval]

Revised: October 15, 2024

Responsible Office: Academic Affairs

### 1. Purpose

This policy defines the standards for good academic standing and to outline criteria that are aligned with Academic Good Standing, Academic Warning, Academic Probation, Academic Suspension, Academic Dismissal, and Academic Renewal

### 2. Scope

Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania students, faculty, and staff.

### 3. Definitions, Roles and Responsibilities

3.1. **Definitions** [Define any terms used in the policy that have a specialized meaning, with the Term in bold, followed by a colon and the definition in plain text]

3.1.1. [Term:] [definition of term]

3.2. **Roles and Responsibilities**

3.2.1. [Name Division or Office as the holder of the role and a short summary of the responsibility to be carried out in association with that role]

### 4. Policy

4.1. Creation of a single policy for Undergraduate Academic Standing, Renewal, and Intervention. With levels for Academic Good Standing (above 2.0), Academic Warning (below 2.0 1 semester, Req Academic Recovery Plan), Academic Probation (continue below 2.0 2nd semester; Req Academic Recovery Plan), Academic Suspension (continue below 2.0 3rd semester; out 1 semester; return on Probation), Academic Dismissal



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(continue below 2.0 upon return, out 2-year min.), and Academic Renewal (min 2-year sep, grades C- or less removed). **Students with a GPA of 0.0 for two consecutive terms (Fall, Spring) will be dismissed.** Specific procedures specified for Academic Difficulty and Recovery pertaining to intervention in policy. The goal is to prevent students from accumulating significant deficiency in GPA through early identification and meaningful recovery planning, and clear documentation of outreach and expectations through the University's official advising system. Procedures, standards, and guidelines may be issued, revised or rescinded by the President (or designee).

### 5. Compliance and Enforcement

- 5.1. Every University policy will undergo a regular review on a five-year cycle, with approximately 20% of the total policies inventory being reviewed each year.
- 5.2. All policy reviews will be conducted by the responsible division/office to assure that the policy remains relevant and aligns with applicable federal and state laws and regulations, PASSHE Board of Governors policies, and other University policies, procedures, standards, or guidelines.

### 6. Additional Information

#### 6.1. Supporting Documents

- 6.1.1. n/a

#### 6.2. History

- 6.2.1. This request is to update a current Interim Academic Policy. The updated text appears in **red**.
- 6.2.2. These interim academic policies grew out of the Academic Policies and Procedures Subgroup, which completed its work on January 22, 2021. They were edited into their current form on August 19, 2022, approved by Secretariat in August 2022, and renewed in February 2023. Since the Commonwealth University (CU) Senate Constitution took effect April 15, 2023, these interim academic policies are in force pending CU Senate review.
- 6.2.3. Revised – October 15, 2024
- 6.2.4. Next Review Date - [Date of Revision]

- 6.3. **Related Policies** - PRP 3557 - Academic Dismissal and Appeals Procedure



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6.4. **Contacts for Additional Information and Reporting**

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