

Academic Probation and Disqualification

The quality of academic performance is considered in the determination of a student's eligibility to remain enrolled. Uniform standards for academic probation or disqualification, and for administrative-academic probation or disqualification, are in effect at all campuses of the California State University. Undergraduate students may be placed on academic probation and later be disqualified, or be placed on administrative-academic probation and later be disqualified, when they do not meet these standards.

Students who have been placed on academic probation, administrative-academic probation, or who have been notified of their disqualification may request review of such action by the dean of the college taking the action. Students who have been disqualified for inadequate progress or performance are not readmitted until presentation of satisfactory evidence that they have improved their chances of academic success. The request for readmission is referred to the dean of the college in which the student wishes to enroll.

Students on academic probation may not participate on intercollegiate teams nor may they hold positions of leadership in student organizations or student government groups. These include, but are not limited to, such groups as: athletic teams, debate teams, drama casts, judging teams, ASI councils, boards and committees. Such students may not hold an office in a student organization, nor may they be editors, managers, or hold similar positions on student publications. However, students on academic probation may participate in such activities as club membership, intramurals, and music that do not include travel and the official representation of the University. Certain groups may have set higher standards than the minimum for specific positions or areas of responsibility that require considerable commitments of time and energy.

An undergraduate student becomes subject to academic probation or disqualification under the conditions shown below. For minimum scholarship standards applicable to graduate and post-baccalaureate students see the Graduate Programs section.

I. Academic Probation

An undergraduate student is automatically placed on academic probation when the grade point average drops below 2.000 (C). The grade point average applies to the current term (unadjusted for any subsequent grade forgiveness), the Cal Poly cumulative, or the higher education cumulative. The student is advised promptly, by email or other means, of being placed on probation. It is the student's responsibility to check his/her campus email account regularly.

Note: For first-time freshmen with Cal Poly coursework only, academic probation in their first quarter of attendance will also equate to subject to disqualification (see below).

II. Academic Disqualification

1. An undergraduate student is subject to disqualification when any of the following is true:
 1. The student's Cal Poly cumulative, or higher education cumulative grade point average is below 2.000.
 2. The student is on academic probation for two consecutive quarters.
 3. The student has been on academic probation for four non-consecutive quarters.

An undergraduate student who is subject to disqualification may be disqualified at the discretion of his/her college.

2. An undergraduate student will be disqualified when either of the following is true:
 1. The student has been on academic probation three consecutive quarters.
 2. The student has been on academic probation three or more non-consecutive quarters and has a current Cal Poly cumulative or higher education cumulative grade point average that is below 2.000.

III. Notice of Disqualification

Students who are disqualified at the end of a quarter are notified before the beginning of the next consecutive regular quarter. Students disqualified at the beginning of a summer enrollment break are notified at least one month before the start of the fall quarter.

The Office of the Registrar will notify the student by email. It is the student's responsibility to check his/her campus email account regularly.

IV. Administrative-Academic Probation

An undergraduate or graduate student may be placed on administrative-academic probation by action of the dean of the college in which the student is enrolled for any of the following reasons:

1. Withdrawal from all or a substantial portion of a program of studies in two successive terms or in any three terms. (Note: a student whose withdrawal is directly associated with a chronic or recurring medical condition or its treatment is not subject to administrative-academic probation for such withdrawal.)
2. Repeated failure to make Expected Academic Progress (see the section on Expected Academic Progress) toward the stated degree or program objective, including that resulting from assignment of 15 units of NC, when such failure appears to be due to circumstances within the control of the student.
3. Failure to comply, after due notice, with an academic requirement or regulation which is routine for all students or a defined group of students.

When such action is taken, the student is notified in writing and is provided with the conditions for removal from probation and the circumstances which would lead to disqualification, should probation not be removed.

AP/DQ CODES -- Registrar's Office:

PROB = ON ACADEMIC PROBATION: Student's term GPA is below 2.0

SDQ= SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION

SDQ1 = The student's Cal Poly or higher education cumulative GPA is below 2.0.

SDQ2 = The student is on academic probation for two consecutive quarters.

SDQ3 = The student has been on academic probation for four non-consecutive quarters.

DSQ = DISQUALIFICATION

DSQ1 = The student has been on academic probation three consecutive quarters.

DSQ2 = The student has been on academic probation three or more non-consecutive quarters.

DSQ3 = The student has been on academic probation three or more non-consecutive quarters and has a Cal Poly or higher education cumulative GPA is below 2.0.

AP/DQ CODES -- College of Science and Mathematics

NL = Student emailed regarding his/her situation.

APNS = Academic Probation/ New Student (FTF or Transfer.)

APSD = Academic Probation

LQC = Last Chance Quarter

DQ = Disqualified