

ACADEMIC STANDINGS

Good Academic Standing

Students with a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or better are considered in good academic standing. A minimum grade point average of 2.00 on the 4.00 scale is required by all students to meet degree requirements. In many cases, a higher minimum grade point average specified by colleges within the University is required for graduation.

Academic Warning

A student is placed on academic warning when the student's cumulative grade point average is less than 2.00. The student may be removed from this status when the cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or better is achieved. Students who are on academic warning are encouraged to take no more than 13 hours per semester and to take no more than 6 hours during the summer term. They must adhere to the following suggestions to improve their grade point average:

Academic Probation

A student whose cumulative grade point average falls below the minimum required for retention is placed on probation for the following semester.

Academic Suspension

A student on probation who does not earn the academic average required for retention for a period of two semesters is placed on suspension for one academic year. An appeal for waiver of suspension because of unusual circumstances should be made through the student's academic departmental advisor, and college dean. The final decision is made by Academic Affairs.

Retention

As of Fall of 1992, the University recognized that undergraduate students can progress towards degree and graduation with the standards below.

| Grade Point Average Hours (Including Transfer) | Minimum Cumulative GPA Required |
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| 0-29 | 1.50 |
| 30-59 | 1.75 |
| 50-89 | 1.80 |
| 90-107 | 1.90 |
| 108 and above | 2.00 |

For retention purposes, GPA hours will include credits taken at Jackson State University and credits that have been accepted from other institutions. The grade point averages for retention will be computed only on GPA hours at Jackson State University. GPA hours are the number of credit hours used in calculating the grade point average (i.e., Grades of A, B, C, D, F). In many cases a higher minimum grade point average specified by colleges within the University must be maintained in addition to the requirements listed above.

Reinstatement

Students who are suspended for poor academic performances may be readmitted on probation. A student desiring reinstatement must send a formal letter of application to the Admissions and Credits Committee. The letter of application must include convincing evidence that the student's cause for making poor academic progress has been corrected or that

the extenuating circumstances which affected academic progress have been corrected. The student's letter of application must be received at least twenty (20) days prior to the semester or summer term for which the student seeks re-admission. The Admissions and Credits Committee will inform the student of the final disposition of the letter of application.

Academic Second Chance

An undergraduate student previously enrolled at Jackson State University who has not been enrolled in any post-secondary education institution since leaving Jackson State may be eligible for matriculation under the Academic Second Chance Policy. The Academic Second Chance option must be requested within the first or second semester of re-admission. Student may use this option **one** time.

1. Student must have been separated from the University for a minimum of twelve (12) consecutive months.
2. All academic credit hours and grades earned during previous enrollment at Jackson State will remain on the student's transcript:
 - a. Academic credit hours with grades of "C" and above may be used to meet degree requirements.
 - b. Academic credit hours with grades of less than "C" will not be used in the computation of the student's grade point average.
3. Students are required to follow the current curriculum at the time of re-admission.
4. Student Responsibilities:
 - a. Obtain an official notification of re-admission from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and Recruitment.
 - b. Where appropriate, verify financial aid status in Financial Aid.
 - c. Obtain an application for Academic Second Chance from the Office of the Registrar and Records.
 - d. Develop a program of study in consultation with an advisor in your major department.
 - e. Complete the application for Academic Second Chance.
 - f. Obtain signature of department chair in major area, major academic advisor, and the college dean. The inclusion of signatures from the chair, advisor, and dean indicates approval of student being granted the "Academic Second Chance."

Academic New Start

An undergraduate student previously enrolled at Jackson State University who has not been enrolled in any postsecondary education institution since leaving Jackson State may be eligible for matriculation under the Academic New Start Policy. The Academic New Start option must be requested within the second semester of re-admission. Student may use this option **one** time.

Under this Option:

1. Student must have been separated from the University for minimum of sixty (60) consecutive months.
2. Academic New Start option must be requested within the second semester of re-admission after a minimum of twelve (12) semester hours have been completed with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0.
3. All academic credit hours and grades earned during previous enrollment at Jackson State will remain on the student's transcript but will not be counted toward degree requirements.
4. Students are required to follow the current curriculum at the time of re-admission.
5. Student Responsibilities:

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- a. Obtain an official notification of re-admission from Undergraduate Admissions.
- b. Where appropriate, verify financial aid status in Financial Aid.
- c. Obtain an application for Academic New Start from the Office of the Registrar and Records.
- d. Develop a program of study in consultation with an advisor in your major department.
- e. Complete the application for Academic New Start.
- f. Obtain signature of department chair in major area, major academic advisor, and the college dean. The inclusion of signatures from the chair, advisor, and dean indicates approval of student being granted the "Academic New Start."