

Article V. Scholarship Standards

Section 1. Academic Standards

To maintain good academic standing a student must meet the following requirements:

- a. Earn a minimum grade-point average of 1.700 each semester.
- b. Earn a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.000 during the second semester of the first year and subsequently.
- c. Subsequent to the first year earn a minimum of twenty-four credits in the two immediately-preceding semesters, except graduating seniors completing degree requirements with a normal load for the final (eighth) semester of study who may complete fewer than twenty-four credits in the previous two semesters.
- d. Complete successfully the Core (Antiquity and Modernity) in the first full academic year after entrance. Any deficiency must be removed not later than the end of the fourth semester of college-level work or by the time the student has accumulated fifty-seven degree credits, whichever occurs first.
- e. Maintain a minimum cumulative grade-point average in the major study of 2.000 beginning with the end of the fifth semester of college-level work. A student with a combined major must maintain a minimum grade average of 2.000 in each subject area of the major.

Transfer students, to be in good standing, must meet the minimum grade point average requirements appropriate to their class standing as determined by the number of transfer credits accepted.

Any student who fails to meet the standards listed above, upon vote of the Board of the Review, will be given one of the measures below.

1. **Academic Warning**
A student who receives an academic warning from the Board of Review must correct the problem in the next semester.

The following three actions require concurrence of the Academic Council.

1. **Academic Probation**
A student given academic probation is no longer in good academic standing, and will be dismissed from the College if his or her performance in the next semester in residence fails to meet the minimum requirements for good standing, or fails to demonstrate sufficient progress toward that goal.

Normally, a student will not be continued on probation for more than two consecutive terms.

A student on probation is restored to good standing when he or she completes the semester of probation with accomplishments that meet the minimum standards listed above.

2. Academic Suspension

A student who is suspended is not allowed to complete registration for classes until he or she has the approval of the Board of Review. To obtain such approval, the student is expected to submit a plan of study that demonstrates the feasibility of completing a degree at Whitman College.

3. Academic Dismissal

A student who had been dismissed from the College for failure to be in good standing may be reinstated on probation upon vote of the Academic Council in response to a formal petition. This petition must state clearly what actions the student will take in order to return to good standing.

Section 2. Restoration to Good Standing

- a. A student on scholastic probation is deemed to have regained good standing in the College when he or she has completed the semester of probation with a cumulative grade point average appropriate to the semester of attendance in accordance with the scale in Art. V, Sec.1.
- b. A student dropped for low scholarship shall not be registered as a special student or as an auditor unless he or she has been readmitted to the College.
- c. A student who in his or her last semester of residence has met all degree requirements, but who in that semester has failed to maintain good scholastic standing, shall not be disqualified for graduation.

Section 3. Reinstatement

- a. A student who has been dropped from the College for low scholarship may be reinstated on scholastic probation upon vote of the Academic Council in response to a petition. Such reinstatement, to be noted on the student's permanent record, shall carry no automatic right of readmission to Whitman College and a student thus reinstated who desires to re-register in the College must apply to the Office of Admission in accordance with the readmission policy of the College.

Section 4. Recording of Scholastic Action

Entries on the student's permanent academic record with respect to scholastic action shall be limited to the following:

- a. Notations of dismissal for low scholarship, reinstatement, and cleared for graduation shall be permanently recorded on the academic record.
- b. Notations concerning academic probation shall be made on the academic record to reflect only the current status of students who are not in good standing, but who are eligible to continue.
- c. Notations to show required withdrawal shall appear on the student's academic record unless removed by subsequent readmission to the College.