

# ACADEMIC STANDING

## Good Academic Standing

To remain in good academic standing, students must possess a minimum cumulative grade point average (**CGPA**). The minimum cumulative GPA (**CGPA**) is based on GPA hours at TU plus any accepted transfer work as indicated below:

### Minimum Grade Point Average Required

# of Units (GPA Hours + Transfer Units)	Minimum Cumulative GPA
1-29.5	1.75
30 and above	2.00

GPA hours include all units attempted at TU that earned a letter grade (A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, D+, D, F or FX) and are calculated on the transcript. Withdrawals and courses that have been excluded as a result of a repeat, do not count as GPA hours. The total of GPA hours in addition to the number of posted transfer units, including AP/IB/CLEP test credits, will determine the minimum CGPA required to maintain good academic standing.

## Failure to Remain in Good Standing

Students who have been **academically suspended** and are later **reenrolled on monitoring** are not considered to be in good academic standing and might not be eligible for participation in intercollegiate athletics, financial aid, housing, or certain extracurricular activities.

Students who fall below the level required for good academic standing are subject to the following actions:

1. **Below Good Standing (formerly Academic Warning)** - The first time degree candidates fail to attain the minimum CGPA required for good academic standing will receive a below good standing action and must receive additional academic support as determined by the Office of Academic Advising, Retention, and Completion. They must attain the minimum CGPA required for good academic standing by the end of the next spring term of attendance or be **academically suspended**. If no further academic action is taken, the student, upon graduation from TU, may request that the Registrar's Office remove the below good standing notation from their transcript. Eligibility for housing, financial aid, and participation in intercollegiate athletics will be determined by the appropriate departments according to their established criteria. In accordance with policy, students who are **reenrolled below good standing** must also attain the minimum required CGPA by the end of the spring term following reenrollment or be **academically suspended**. While **below good standing**, students may *not* complete course work elsewhere for transfer to TU.
2. **Academic Suspension** - Students failing to attain good standing in any spring term following being below good standing are **academically suspended** and may not attend TU during the following fall semester and the subsequent minimester term unless they participate in the Academic Renewal Program (**ARP**) co-sponsored by the Office of Academic Advising, Retention, and Completion and the Tutoring & Learning Center. Information about the ARP will be included in the communication sent to students who are placed on academic suspension. If students complete course work elsewhere while academically suspended, they must be in good standing at the school(s) attended and must provide official transcripts from the schools to the Reenrollment Office at Towson University if they plan to return to TU. Work remaining to resolve any Incomplete grades may be completed during suspension. Academic suspension is noted *permanently* on student's transcript. Students who fail to attain good academic standing at the end of any fall term after being below good standing will be allowed to continue their enrollment for one additional term but will be limited to a maximum of 13 units in the next term. This **Mid-Year Continued Below Good Standing (formerly Mid-Year Extended Warning)** will be *permanently* noted on the student's transcript. Failure to attain good academic standing at the end of the following spring term will result in academic suspension.
3. **Academic Monitoring (formerly Academic Probation)** - After the suspension ends, students may be reenrolled on **academic monitoring**, during which time they may enroll for a maximum of 13 units per term. They must also receive additional advising and may not register without written clearance from the Office of Academic Advising, Retention, and Completion. **Academic monitoring** is noted permanently on student's transcript. Students on **academic monitoring** have three academic years or 24 calculable units, whichever comes first, to attain good academic standing. GPA hours are courses with grades that affect the student's Grade Point Average (A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, D+, D, F, FX). Grades of Pass (PS), Audit (AU), and Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) are *not* GPA hours. If students attain good academic standing during monitoring but subsequently fall below the minimum requirements for good academic standing, will be given a one-term exception during which good academic standing must be attained. If they do not, they will be academically dismissed. Otherwise, they are considered to be on academic monitoring until they have either graduated or are academically dismissed. While on **academic monitoring**, students may *not* complete course work elsewhere for transfer to TU.
4. **Academic Dismissal** - Students failing to attain good academic standing after the period of **academic monitoring** will be academically dismissed. **Academic dismissal** is usually considered a permanent action. A student may petition for reinstatement after at least one year by appealing to the Academic Standards Committee (ASC). The appeal for reinstatement must include an explanation for circumstances leading to dismissal, the changes that have been made since dismissal and an academic plan for success. Students must also meet with an academic adviser before submitting their appeal. Reinstatement is not automatic and not guaranteed. The ASC will evaluate each student's readiness to return based on the circumstances and prospects for successful completion of the degree.

In addition to complying with this Academic Standing policy, many aid recipients must also comply with the financial aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy.