



## **AOP 12.16: Academic Suspension and Dismissal**

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Academic Operating Policy and Procedure (AOP) is to establish conditions for interrupting the pattern of unsatisfactory academic performance in undergraduate students who incur grade point deficiencies, thereby increasing the likelihood of their eventual academic success.

### **REVIEW**

This AOP will be reviewed every four years (or whenever circumstances require an earlier review) by the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs (APAA) with recommendations for revision presented to the Provost and Executive Vice President.

### **POLICY/PROCEDURE**

Students with a semester GPA of less than 2.0 who fail to meet the following MSU cumulative GPA requirements will be suspended.

<u>MSU GPA Hours</u>	<u>MSU Cumulative GPA</u>
67+ semester hours	2.0
37-66 semester hours	1.8
19-36 semester hours	1.6
0-18 hours	Not subject to suspension

No student will be suspended for failing to achieve the required grade point average without first having had at least one semester of probationary notice (not necessarily the immediately preceding semester).

Academic suspension shall be for at least one regular (fall or spring) semester. The student may be readmitted on academic probation following the expiration of the first suspension. Details for readmission can be found at [www.registrar.msstate.edu](http://www.registrar.msstate.edu). A student who attends another post-secondary school/ university during a suspension from MSU must maintain a 2.0 GPA (calculated by MSU standards) on any transfer work. A student may be granted early readmission after suspension through the Learning Skills Support Program offered through the Learning Center. Details for early readmission can be found at [www.tlc.msstate.edu/programs/lssp](http://www.tlc.msstate.edu/programs/lssp). A student may continue in school during the second term of summer session, irrespective of his or her record during the first term.

A student who has already received an academic suspension who fails to earn a current GPA of 2.0 or higher, and who has less than the required MSU cumulative GPA, will be placed on academic dismissal. A student who receives an academic dismissal will not be automatically or routinely readmitted. In addition, readmission will not normally be considered until the student has been absent from the University for one calendar year. If a student attends another post-secondary school/ university during a dismissal from MSU, he or she must maintain a 2.0 GPA (calculated by MSU standards) on any transfer work. Based on a written petition by the student, the Provost and Executive Vice President may approve the readmission of an academically dismissed student only upon the recommendation of the academic dean of the college to which the student is seeking readmission. Application for readmission should be filed with the student's Department Head no later than fifteen days prior to the first day of classes.

Appeal for a waiver of suspension or dismissal, because of unusual circumstances, should be made through the student's academic dean to the Provost and Executive Vice President. No additional appeal beyond the Executive Vice President is possible.

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