

CONTINUANCE IN UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Monroe Park Campus programs

Definition of good standing

A student who is enrolled at VCU is in “good standing” until such time the student is placed on academic warning, probation or suspension. Students should consult their program of study regarding specific academic standards constituting good standing in the program.

Academic warning

A student is placed on academic warning when the student’s cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 (grade C) at the conclusion of any semester of attendance – fall, spring or summer. Notification of warning appears on the student’s academic record. A degree-seeking student on academic warning may not enroll in more than 14 credits per semester of attendance except under unusual circumstances and with the permission of the dean or designee of the school or college in which the student is enrolled. A student remains on academic warning for one semester of attendance, at the end of which time the student must obtain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0. Failure to achieve this GPA results in academic probation.

Academic probation

A student is placed on academic probation when the student’s cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 for two successive semesters of attendance, including summer sessions. Notification of probation appears on the student’s academic record.

A degree-seeking student on academic probation may not enroll in more than 13 credits per semester of attendance. Students on academic probation are expected to improve their cumulative GPA by achieving a minimum semester GPA of 2.0 during each semester of attendance. A student who achieves a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is removed from academic probation. Failure to achieve a 2.0 semester GPA while on probation results in academic suspension.

Academic suspension

A student is placed on academic suspension if the student earns a semester GPA below 2.0 while on academic probation.

Notification of suspension appears on the student’s academic record. The student also receives a letter from the Office of the University Registrar stating the conditions of the suspension. Academic suspension indicates the student has a record of continued unsatisfactory progress.

A student on a first academic suspension may not enroll at the university for two consecutive semesters, including the summer session. Course work taken at another institution while the student is under academic suspension from VCU is considered part of the criteria for readmission, but the course work is not used to increase the VCU cumulative GPA. If the student is readmitted, the course work will be evaluated according to regular procedures.

A student may apply for readmission to VCU for the semester following completion of the suspension period. A student readmitted after suspension enrolls under the academic probation status and is subject to the provisions of that status. If a student readmitted after suspension fails to obtain a semester GPA of 2.0 in any semester before achieving

a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0, the student is placed on a five-year suspension. The student may be considered for readmission after a minimum five-year separation from VCU.

Although a student may be approved for readmission to VCU, the student is not automatically eligible to receive federal or state financial aid. See the Financial aid (<https://bulletin.vcu.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-study/financial-aid/>) section of this bulletin for information about Satisfactory Academic Progress standards and suspension of aid eligibility. Detailed information about the SAP appeals process (<https://finaid.vcu.edu/manage/appeals/>) can be found on the VCU Office of Financial Aid website.

For Readmission guidelines (<https://bulletin.vcu.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-study/admission-university/readmission-guidelines/>), see the Admission to the university section of this bulletin.

Note that the rules and procedures for suspensions assigned due to violations of the honors system, the student conduct policy or other reasons may be different from those described here for academic suspensions.

MCV Campus programs

Warning, probation and suspension are defined by the program of study. Consult the program adviser for further details. Undergraduate students dismissed from an MCV Campus program will be placed in the undeclared major. Students who wish to pursue a different major should follow the process outlined under the Change of academic program (<https://bulletin.vcu.edu/academic-regs/ugrad/change-program/>) section in this bulletin.

The individual health science schools recognize and support the statements set forth by the licensing boards of the respective health professions as they relate to examination, licensure and the practice of each profession. When applicable, these standards may be used in determining a student’s eligibility for continuance in or readmission to the university.