

STANDARDS OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SOAP)

Oakton College requires that students make satisfactory progress toward achieving their educational goals. **The fundamental standard of academic progress will be the attainment of a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) at the end of each term and cumulatively.**

GPA is computed using A, B, C, D, and F grades. Grades of AS, BS, CS, DS, FR, FS, F20, P, and P20, and indicators I, IP, IR, IS, I20, N, W, and Q are not used in the calculation. F grades and the "I" indicator for developmental classes will not be calculated into the GPA or for determining the Standards of Academic Progress (SOAP). The GPA and academic standing will be recalculated when the "I" has been converted to a grade.

The Standards of Academic Progress will apply after a student has attempted 9 credit hours (including developmental courses).

Categories of Standards

Good Standing: Students who attain a **minimum GPA of 2.0 at the end of each term and cumulatively** are in good standing.

Academic Probation: Students who attain an end of term **or** cumulative GPA below a 2.0 will be placed on academic probation.

Students in this category will be limited in one or more of the following ways: the number of hours for which they may enroll; specific courses for which they may enroll; enrollment only after attending a session/meeting with an academic advisor.

Academic Suspension: A student who has two consecutive terms¹ with an end of term **and** cumulative GPA below a 2.0 will be placed on academic suspension. These students will be suspended from the College for one full term (fall, spring, or summer).

Readmission after this period requires students to complete the *Authorization Request for Student Re-Enrollment* form, which must be submitted to an academic advisor at least four weeks prior to the start of the term for which the student is seeking re-enrollment. **Note:** Students requesting to re-enroll before their suspension period has been served may appeal. Instructions for appeals are contained in the *Authorization Request for Student Re-Enrollment* form.

A student wishing to re-enroll after their suspension time has been served (or upon successful appeal) will be limited in one or more of the following ways: the number of hours for which they may enroll; specific courses for which they may enroll; enrollment only after attending a session/meeting with an academic advisor.

Academic Dismissal: Students who have returned to the College after one term of academic suspension and who attain an end of term **and** cumulative GPA below a 2.0 will be placed on academic dismissal. These students will be dismissed from the College for a period of 12 consecutive months.

Readmission after this period requires students to complete the *Authorization Request for Student Re-Enrollment* form, which must be submitted to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs at least four weeks prior to the start of the term for which the student is

seeking re-enrollment. **Note:** Students requesting to re-enroll before their dismissal period has been served may appeal. Instructions for appeals are contained in the *Authorization Request for Student Re- Enrollment* form.

A student wishing to re-enroll after their dismissal time has been served (or upon successful appeal) will be limited in one or more of the following ways: the number of hours for which they may enroll; specific courses for which they may enroll; enrollment only after attending a session/meeting with an academic advisor.

For more information about SOAP, visit <https://www.oakton.edu/academics/academic-services/advising/soap-simplified.php>.

¹ *Consecutive terms means terms in which a student is enrolled regardless of whether or not there were intervening terms of non-enrollment.*