

Undergraduate Scholastic Standards

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ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Integrity is a principle which permeates all the activities of the University and which guides the behavior of faculty, students and staff. The principle of academic integrity is manifested in a spirit in which truth is pursued, in a process by which students learn about the concept of integrity, and in a procedure for determining individual accountability for the standard of integrity. The spirit of academic integrity denotes adherence to the precept that "one's work is one's own." The process by which integrity is upheld assumes clear communication of University expectations, standards, and policies and clear communication of students' and faculty's rights and responsibilities.

Academic misconduct, a breach of academic integrity, may include but is not limited to the following:

- Plagiarism—presenting as one's own work, whether literally or in paraphrase, the work of another.
- Cheating on exams, tests and quizzes—the wrongful giving or accepting of unauthorized assistance, the giving or taking of unauthorized exam material, and/or the use of illegitimate sources of information.
- Illicit collaboration with other individuals in the completion of course assignments.
- The use of fraudulent methods or communications related to laboratory, studio, field work or computer work.
- Other acts generally recognized as dishonorable or dishonest which bear upon academic endeavors.

Procedures for handling cases of academic misconduct are listed in the *Student Handbook*.

ACADEMIC STANDING (UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS)

The following terminology is used in defining the academic standing policy.

Matriculated Students - Students admitted to the University, attending full- or part-time, pursuing a bachelor's degree. Matriculated students are either in good academic standing or on academic probation.

Good Academic Standing - Students whose SU cumulative GPAs are at least 2.0. Students who are not in good academic standing are either on academic probation or on restricted status.

Academic Probation - Students who are not in good academic standing, but who are still admitted and pursuing degrees. Such students have academic (and other) limitations placed upon them.

Restricted Status - Previously admitted students whose admissions have been revoked because of poor academic

performance and who are thereby neither admitted nor pursuing a degree. These students are allowed to register as (non-admitted) students, but in most cases only part-time.

Dismissed Students - Previously enrolled students who are no longer allowed to attend the University.

Good Academic Standing

Students are admitted to Salisbury University in good academic standing. Students who have received SU grades and whose SU cumulative GPAs are at least 2.0 remain in good academic standing. GPAs will be computed whenever grades are awarded or changed. Consequently a student's academic standing can change at any time.

Unsatisfactory Academic Achievement

Admitted students whose Salisbury University cumulative grade-point averages are less than 2.0 will be placed on academic probation. Students on probation who fail to return to good standing or who fail to meet the criterion which allows them to remain on probation will have their admissions revoked and their academic standing changed to restricted status. Restricted status students may be academically dismissed for inadequate academic performance.

► Academic Probation

Students on academic probation may register for no more than five courses for a total of 16 credit hours per semester and may not elect to take any courses on a pass/fail basis if the courses are offered for a grade.

Admitted students who are in good academic standing at the beginning of a semester (or term or session) but who are no longer in good academic standing at the conclusion of that semester (respectively term or session), will be allowed to register as students on academic probation. At the conclusion of any semesters (or terms or sessions) while on academic probation:

- Students will be returned to good academic standing if their Salisbury University cumulative GPAs are at least 2.0.
- Students who fail to attain good academic standing will be allowed to continue to register as students on academic probation provided they satisfy both of the following conditions: 1) they earn semester (or term or session) GPAs of at least 2.0, and 2) their cumulative GPAs are greater than or equal to the appropriate minimums in the chart that follows.
- Students who fail to attain good academic standing will have their admissions revoked if either 1) they earn semester (or term or session) GPA less than 2.0, or 2) their cumulative GPAs are less than the appropriate minimums in the chart below. They will be allowed to continue to register for classes as restricted status students.

Credits Earned Toward a Degree (Including transfer credit)	Minimum SU Cumulative GPA
Fewer than 30	1.400
30-35	1.500
36-41	1.600
42-47	1.700
48-53	1.800
54-59	1.900
60 or more	2.000

Note: Students with 60 or more earned credit hours are expected to remain in good standing with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better.

► Restricted Status

Restricted status students may enroll in no more than two courses for a total of seven credit hours per semester. There are additional University policies limiting the activities in which students in restricted status may engage. In special circumstances the Office of Academic Affairs may allow restricted status students to exceed these limitations, but in no case will restricted status students exceed the limitations placed upon students on academic probation. Whenever students are placed in restricted status, they will have three registrations (for semesters, terms or sessions) to attain cumulative GPAs of at least 2.0. Students in restricted status who fail to attain Salisbury University cumulative GPAs of at least 2.0 within the three-registration time frame will be academically dismissed. Restricted status students who attain Salisbury University cumulative GPAs of at least 2.0 within the three-registration time frame may apply for readmission.

► Academic Dismissal

Academically dismissed students may no longer register for classes at Salisbury University. However, academically dismissed students who have not attended Salisbury University for five years or more and who can provide evidence of good academic promise may apply for readmission as students on academic probation or for classification as restricted status students. Academic dismissal may be appealed to the Office of Academic Affairs. Academically dismissed students may also qualify for academic clemency.

ACADEMIC CLEMENCY POLICY

For a variety of reasons, some students may have academic records that do not accurately reflect their academic abilities. To encourage students who have left the University with poor academic records to subsequently return and succeed, the University is prepared to extend academic clemency to students returning to SU.

Students who have not attended the University for at least five years are eligible to apply for academic clemency. Students are only eligible for academic clemency one time during their academic careers, and they must apply during their initial semesters, terms, or sessions as returning students.

Students applying for academic clemency must complete an Academic Clemency Form on which they request to have up to 16 credit hours of D and F work removed from their GPAs by changing these grades to XD and XF, respectively. When academic clemency is granted for D grades, the previously earned credits will be lost and may no longer be applied to any graduation requirements. Students who receive academic clemency are not precluded from graduating with honors.

CLASS ATTENDANCE

The faculty regards the classroom as the center of University life and students are expected to attend all classes. There are no officially excused absences. In the case of an absence, the student is responsible for all material presented and assigned.

Each instructor provides students with a written attendance policy at the first class meeting.

ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

In the case of an extreme emergency or prolonged illness, the Student Affairs Office notifies class instructors of the dates of a student's absence from class. It is the responsibility of the student to inform the Student Affairs Office of emergencies and illnesses.

Professors establish their own attendance policy. Notification of absence is a service to students and faculty; it is not an official excuse from classes and work missed.

WAIVERS OF ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Under unusual circumstances students may wish to seek waivers of academic policies and procedures. In such cases students should consult with their faculty advisors for detailed information about steps for seeking waivers.