

Section of Catalog: Undergraduate Scholastic Standards and Support Services

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 alert, academic warning, or academic restriction, 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~~**Restricted Status** – Previously admitted students whose admissions have been revoked because of poor academic performance and who are thereby neither admitted nor pursuing a degree.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.~~

Academic Alert - Students whose cumulative GPA has fallen below a 2.0, but who are still admitted and pursuing degrees. Such students are limited to taking 16 credits.

Academic Warning – Students who failed to raise their cumulative GPA to a 2.0 after being placed on Academic Alert. They are still admitted and are pursuing a degree but are limited to taking 12 credits.

Academic Restriction - Students who failed to raise their cumulative GPA to a 2.0 after being placed on Academic Warning. They are still admitted and are pursuing a degree but are limited to taking 8 credits.

~~**Dismissed Students/Academic Dismissal** - Previously enrolled students who are no longer allowed to attend the University.~~

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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 Alert, Academic Warning, or Academic Restriction. Students on Academic Restriction who fail to return to good standing will be academically dismissed. ~~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 academic standing changed to restricted status. Restricted status students may be academically dismissed for further inadequate academic performance.~~

Academic Alert

Students on Academic Alert 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 Alert.

At the conclusion of any semesters (or terms or sessions) while on Academic Alert:

- 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 Warning.

Academic Warning

Students on Academic Warning may register for no more than four courses for a total of 12 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 have an academic standing of Academic Alert at the beginning of a semester (or term or session) but who fail to raise their cumulative GPA to the required 2.0 will be allowed to register as students on Academic Warning.

At the conclusion of any semesters (or terms or sessions) while on Academic Warning:

- 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 Restriction.

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 be placed on restricted status 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.

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.

Academic Restriction

Students on Academic Restriction may register for no more than two courses for a total of eight 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 have an academic standing of Academic Restriction at the beginning of a semester (or term or session) but who fail to raise their cumulative GPA to the required 2.0 will be academically dismissed for a period of five years.

Restricted status students may enroll as a non-degree student in no more than two courses for a total of eight 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 online through the Registrar's Office. Students placed on restricted status are not eligible for financial aid or on-campus housing, have their preregistered schedules canceled and must register as restricted status students.

Readmissions Options

The following are readmission options for students who left the University on restricted status:

- 1.— A student who chooses not to attend any post secondary institution but can demonstrate evidence of good academic promise may apply to SU for readmission on probation after a period of two years.
- 2.— A student who attends another post secondary institution as a full-time student and meets the following criteria may apply for readmission on probation:

- ~~must have earned grades that, when averaged with the grades earned at SU, equals a combined 2.0 cumulative GPA (Note: Credits will transfer, but the grades will not.)~~
 - ~~the cumulative grade point average at each transfer institution must be at least 2.0 to be considered for this option~~
3. ~~The student who attends another post-secondary institution and either earns less than a 2.0 or is dismissed or placed on academic probation will be denied readmission to SU.~~

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 Alert](#), ~~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 after a five-year absence from the University.