
SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

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POLICY

I. DEFINITIONS

Satisfactory academic progress shall be defined as the achievement of grades which permit a student to move to the next highest level of academic studies. Although minimum satisfactory achievement is a 1.00 grade point value in a particular course, a student is expected to maintain a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 1.50.

Academic probation is a warning to a student that academic progress has not been satisfactory and that subsequent non-performance may result in other forms of academic restrictions.

II. GENERAL

All students who enter Thompson Rivers University (TRU) are expected to maintain acceptable standards of academic performance. Should a student fall below acceptable performance, the following policy will apply:

1. A student shall be placed on academic probation in the next semester attended when the semester or cumulative GPA falls below 1.50 on two or more credit courses. Upon approval by the Vice-President Academic, individual departments may set higher minimum academic standards which take precedence over TRU-wide standards. If at the end of the probation period:
 - a. the GPA on assigned grades during the probation period and the cumulative GPA are 1.50 or higher, the student will be considered to be in good academic standing;
 - b. the GPA on assigned grades during the probation period is 1.50 or higher but the cumulative GPA is less than 1.50, the student will continue on academic probation;
 - c. the GPA on assigned grades during the probation period is less than 1.50, but the cumulative GPA is 1.50 or higher, the student will continue on academic probation;

- d. both the GPA on assigned grades during the probation period and the cumulative GPA are less than 1.50, the student will be required to withdraw for at least one of a Fall or Winter semester.
2. A student who is required to withdraw may reapply for admission at the end of one semester's absence. Upon re-admission the student will be placed on academic probation subject to the academic probation terms above.
3. However, at the end of the probation period, if both the cumulative GPA and the GPA for assigned grades during the probation period are below 1.50, the student will be required to withdraw and re-admission will not be considered for the period of two calendar years.

III. ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

For the purposes of extracurricular athletic activity, a student should maintain a minimum GPA of 2.00. If the GPA falls below 2.00, the student will be warned of the situation, and should the GPA fall below 1.50, the athlete will be placed on academic probation and will be unable to participate in athletic events, but may be allowed to attend practice. The athlete will be allowed to participate in athletic events only after the GPA is raised to 1.50 or better.

IV. FINANCIAL AID

Student Aid BC requires that students "must progress to the next level of a program of study" (Ch. 7 Sec. 1 of SABC Policy Manual), and have passed 60% of a full course load.

A student will not be eligible for non-repayable funds or BC Loan Reduction if the student does not successfully complete 60% of a full course load and achieve a GPA of 1.50.