

Minimum Scholastic Standards

In order to remain in Academic Good Standing, students must maintain a minimum semester and overall GPA of 2.0. Students who fail to maintain this minimum standard will be placed on scholastic probation or scholastic suspension, as appropriate. In determining whether a student will be placed on probation or suspension, all grades except W, EW, NP, P, or I, will be used in computing GPA. Students are responsible for knowing their scholastic standing. Ineligible students who register with the college will be subject to dismissal with forfeiture of all tuition and fees.

Requests for exceptions to the following policies and procedures must be made in writing to the Vice-President for Academic Affairs.

Scholastic Probation

Scholastic probation is an emphatic warning that the quality of the student's work has not met minimum scholastic standards. A probationary status is an opportunity for students to continue at SWTJC in order to improve their scholastic performance. Students will be placed on scholastic probation at the end of any semester if their semester OR overall GPA is less than 2.00. Student on scholastic probation may register after meeting with an academic advisor.

A student on probation will be limited to enrolling in no more than 12 semester credit hours during a regular term and 3 semester credit hours during a summer term. In addition, priorities below will be followed:

1. Students must enroll in all required Developmental Education courses.
2. Students must enroll in a College Success Skills course if required.
3. Students will be encouraged to re-take a course or courses not successfully completed.
4. Students must follow course requirements of their degree plan.

Removal From Scholastic Probation

A student on scholastic probation returns to Academic Good Standing by earning a GPA of 2.0 or higher in the next semester of enrollment AND by having an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher. A student continues on academic probation while either the current semester or the overall GPA is less than 2.0.

Scholastic Suspension

A student on scholastic probation who fails to earn at least a 2.0 GPA for the next semester of enrollment AND who fails to earn an overall GPA of at least 2.0 by the end of that semester will be placed on scholastic suspension. The student will not be permitted to enroll at SWTJC until a Fall or Spring semester has elapsed.

Appeal of Scholastic Suspension

A student placed on Scholastic Suspension may appeal to the Vice-President for Academic Affairs or an appropriate designee. The appeal must be in writing. The 'Scholastic Suspension Appeal Form' is available online at (link).

If the Vice President for Academic Affairs grants the student's appeal, the student will be admitted under Conditional Probation. If the student's appeal is denied, the student may appeal to the Academic Appeals Committee. If the appeal is denied by the Committee, the student shall be informed of the right of appeal to the President of the College.

Conditional Probation

If the appeal is approved, the student will be admitted under Conditional Probation. A student on Conditional Probation will be limited to enrolling in no more than 6 semester credit hours during any long term and no more than 3 semester credit hours during any summer term. In addition, priorities below will be followed:

1. Students must enroll in all required Developmental Education courses.
2. Students must enroll in a College Success Skills course if required.
3. Students must re-take a course or courses not successfully completed.
4. Students must follow course requirements of their degree plan.
5. Other conditions may apply as deemed appropriate.

If the student's semester GPA while on Conditional Probation equals or exceeds 2.0, the student will advance to Scholastic Probation. If the student's semester GPA is below 2.0, the student will be placed on Scholastic Suspension.

Removal from Scholastic Suspension

A student enrolling after a Fall or Spring semester's lapse due to scholastic suspension will automatically be placed on Conditional Probation.

Admission Following a Scholastic Suspension at Another College

Students who are on scholastic suspension at another college or university may be admitted to SWTJC through the following procedure:

1. Each student must appeal in writing for admission to the Vice-President of Academic Affairs or an appropriate designee.
2. If denied admission by the Vice-President, the student may appeal to the Academic Appeals Committee.
3. In case of denial of admission by the Committee, the student shall be informed of the right of appeal to the President of the College.