

## ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

**CONTACT:** Email [UGSeligibility@clemsont.edu](mailto:UGSeligibility@clemsont.edu) for answers from the Academic Eligibility Team.

All students are expected to study and perform to the best of their abilities. The academic eligibility standards listed below represent the minimum levels required to remain enrolled at the University. A student who fails to meet these standards is not making satisfactory academic progress and should seek additional assistance from an academic advisor, the Success Matters Program, the Academic Success Center, or other appropriate University resources.

The evaluation for academic eligibility is conducted by the Director of Academic Processes in the Office of Undergraduate Studies and is separate and different from the evaluation for satisfactory academic progress (SAP) conducted by the Financial Aid office. Additional information on SAP for financial aid purposes can be found in the Financial Aid section of this manual and at [www.clemtson.edu/financial-aid/applying/academic-progress.html](http://www.clemtson.edu/financial-aid/applying/academic-progress.html).

### ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY DEFINITIONS

The following terms describe levels of academic eligibility corresponding to student's current academic standing.

- **Academic Alert:** A student who earns a semester grade-point average below 1.5, regardless of cumulative grade-point average, is placed on academic alert. No notation concerning academic alert will appear on the student's permanent record.
- **Academic Probation:** A student who fails to maintain a cumulative grade-point average (CGPA) of 2.0 or higher is placed on academic probation. No notation concerning probation will appear on the student's permanent record. A student on academic probation may enroll in a maximum of 16 credit hours unless permission for a higher course load is granted by the academic advisor. Students on academic probation are expected to participate in the Success Matters academic recovery program.
- **Academic Suspension:** A suspended student is ineligible to enroll in classes for the fall or spring semester immediately following the suspension notification. Suspension is for one semester only; the student is eligible to reenroll the following semester. For more details, review the Former Students Returning section of this manual.
- **Academic Dismissal:** A student who enrolls after a suspension is subject to dismissal at the end of the next semester in which they do not meet the academic eligibility standards that follow. Readmission may be granted by appeal only after one calendar year has elapsed. A dismissed student who is readmitted and again fails to meet academic eligibility standards will be permanently dismissed. Permanent dismissal may not be appealed, and a student permanently dismissed

may not apply for Academic Renewal. For more details, review the Former Students Returning section of this manual.

- **Academic Renewal:** A student who 1) was not in good academic standing when they left Clemson and 2) has not enrolled at Clemson for a period of two or more academic years may, unless permanently dismissed, apply to the Appeals Committee on Academic Eligibility for readmission under a special condition known as academic renewal. If academic renewal is granted, the previous credits attempted and grade-point deficit will not constitute a liability in the computation of a new grade-point average. However, no previous credits earned at Clemson or their corresponding grade points will be available to the student towards a Clemson degree program. Further, any courses previously passed may not be validated by special examination.

A student on academic probation and enrolled for two consecutive semesters will be evaluated to determine their academic eligibility. Unless otherwise indicated in this Policy, eligibility for continued enrollment is evaluated at the end of each semester. Students who have completed only one semester will not be evaluated for academic eligibility.

### **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS**

A student on academic probation (below a 2.0 CGPA) will remain academically eligible if one of the following conditions is met.

1. The student passes at least 12 graded credit hours and earns a 2.4 or higher semester GPA. Duplicate credits do not count as credits passed unless otherwise required to meet an alternative departmental standard.
2. The student achieves the minimum cumulative grade-point average (MCGPA) listed below.

<u>Total Attempted Hours*</u>	<u>MCGPA</u>
1-89	1.85
90+	2.00

\*Total Attempted Hours includes 1) all credit hours attempted at Clemson and 2) any advanced standing earned from transfer credits and credits awarded from approved examination programs. Only grade points earned at Clemson are used to calculate the MCGPA.

3. The student achieves a 2.0 or higher CGPA.

NOTE: This student is in good academic standing. Once a 2.0 CGPA is achieved, the student will no longer be subject to suspension/dismissal at the end of the current term.

## ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY EVALUATION

As described below, academic eligibility standards are different for students who have 1) completed fewer than three semesters at Clemson, 2) completed at least three semesters at Clemson, 3) been suspended, and 4) returned after a successful appeal. If a student withdraws for one or more semesters, those semesters are not counted as eligible semesters. Conditions of academic eligibility are described in the Academic Eligibility Standards section above.

1. All new students will be evaluated at the end of their second regular (fall or spring) semester. If a student is on academic probation for two consecutive semesters but is not on Academic Alert, the student is eligible to enroll in the subsequent semester but must meet academic eligibility standards at the end of the third semester to avoid suspension. If the student does not meet the standards, the one-semester suspension is not appealable. Students on Academic Alert at the conclusion of the second consecutive semester of probation will be suspended for the subsequent regular (fall or spring) semester. A student subject to suspension at the conclusion of the spring semester may enroll in summer sessions and will avoid suspension for the fall term if they meet academic eligibility standards at the conclusion of the summer term. Students enrolled part-time in the summer will have a higher prorated target term GPA, with a minimum enrollment of 6 credits (must meet 2.8 term GPA target). Contact [UGSeligibility@clemson.edu](mailto:UGSeligibility@clemson.edu) to establish a Part Time Agreement.
2. After a student has completed three or more fall and spring semesters, they will be evaluated at the end of each semester. If the student is on academic probation for two consecutive semesters and fails to meet academic eligibility standards at the conclusion of the second semester, they will be suspended for the next regular (fall or spring) semester. A student subject to suspension at the conclusion of the spring semester may enroll in summer sessions and will avoid suspension for the fall term if they meet academic eligibility standards at the conclusion of the summer term.
3. A student who re-enrolls after being suspended will be evaluated at the end of each semester until they achieve a 2.0 or higher CGPA. A previously suspended student who re-enrolls remains on academic probation and fails to meet academic eligibility standards by the conclusion of the semester will be dismissed. Dismissed students are eligible to appeal to return only after one calendar year has elapsed.
4. A student permitted to re-enroll as a result of a successful appeal of suspension or dismissal is evaluated at the end of each semester until they achieve a 2.0 or higher CGPA. A student who re-enrolls after successful appeal and who fails to meet academic eligibility standards will be suspended or dismissed based on their academic situation. A student allowed to re-enroll after dismissal who fails to meet academic eligibility standards will be permanently dismissed; this dismissal cannot be appealed. Additionally, the student will not be eligible for academic renewal.

**NOTE:** For more information about the re-enrollment process after a break in enrollment, see the Former Students Returning section in this manual. Students returning from suspension are not required to submit an appeal to re-enroll.

## OUTCOMES

The following scenarios outline outcomes for students based on the number of semesters they have been enrolled at Clemson University.

1. **Scenario:** Student's first semester of enrollment is Fall 2024. Student's CGPA falls below 2.0 at the conclusion of the Fall 2024 term.
  - a. **Outcome:** Student is on academic probation and can re-enroll in Spring 2025.
  - b. **At conclusion of Spring 2025 term (second term)**
    - i. If the student achieves 2.0 CGPA: Student is in good academic standing and can re-enroll in Fall 2025.
    - ii. If the student's CGPA remains below 2.0 but meets AE standards: Student remains on academic probation and can re-enroll in Fall 2025.
    - iii. If the student's CGPA remains below 2.0 and does not meet AE standards, but the Spring GPA is 1.5 or above: Student remains on academic probation and can re-enroll in Fall 2025.
    - iv. If the student's CGPA remains below 2.0, does not meet AE standards and the Spring 2025 GPA is below 1.5: Student is on Academic Alert and is suspended for the Fall 2025 term. Student can enroll in summer sessions to attempt to 1) bring their CGPA up to 2.0 or 2) meet the AE standards. If the student is successful in meeting AE standards at the conclusion of the summer term, they can re-enroll in Fall 2025.
  - c. **At conclusion of Fall 2025 term (third term)**
    - i. If the student achieves 2.0 CGPA: Student is in good academic standing and can re-enroll in Spring 2026.
    - ii. If the student's CGPA remains below 2.0 but meets AE standards: Student remains on academic probation and can re-enroll in Spring 2026.
    - iii. If the student's CGPA remains below 2.0 and does not meet AE standards: Student is suspended for Spring 2026. There is no appeal process for this suspension. Student can re-enroll beginning in Summer 2026.

2. **Scenario:** Student is a continuing student who 1) enrolled for the first time prior to Fall 2024 and 2) has a CGPA below 2.0 at the conclusion of the Fall 2024 term.
- a. **Outcome #1:** Fall 2024 IS NOT the student's second consecutive term for failing to meet the AE standard: Student remains on academic probation and can re-enroll in Spring 2025.

At conclusion of Spring 2025 term:

- i. Student achieves 2.0 CGPA: Student is in good academic standing and can re-enroll in Fall 2025.
  - ii. Student meets AE standards: Student remains on academic probation and can re-enroll in Fall 2025.
  - iii. Student does not meet AE standards: Student is subject to suspension for Fall 2025
    1. Student attends summer sessions and achieves 2.0 CGPA: Student is in good academic standing and can re-enroll in Fall 2025.
    2. Student attends summer sessions and meets AE standards: Student remains on academic probation and can re-enroll in Fall 2025.
    3. Student attends summer sessions and does not meet AE criteria: Student is suspended for Fall 2025 but can re-enroll beginning in Spring 2026. Student can file an appeal; if successful, the student can re-enroll in Fall 2025 but must meet AE standards at the conclusion of Fall 2025. If AE standards are not met at the conclusion of Fall 2025, the student is suspended for Spring 2026. There is no appeal process for this suspension.
    4. Student does not attend summer sessions: Student is suspended for Fall 2025 but can re-enroll beginning in Spring 2026. Student can file an appeal; if successful, the student can re-enroll in Fall 2025 but must meet AE standards at the conclusion of Fall 2025 semester. If AE standards are not met at the conclusion of Fall 2025, student is suspended for Spring 2026. There is no appeal process for this suspension.
    5. Student does not attend summer sessions and does not file an appeal: Student is suspended for Fall 2025 and can re-enroll in Spring 2026.
- b. **Outcome #2:** Fall 2024 IS the student's second consecutive term for failing to meet the AE standards: Student is subject to suspension for Spring 2025
- i. Student files an appeal: If successful, the student can re-enroll in Spring 2025 and must meet AE standards at the conclusion of Spring 2025. If AE standards are not met at the conclusion of Spring 2025, the student is suspended for Fall 2025. There is no appeal process for this suspension.

- ii. Student does not file an appeal: The student is suspended for Spring 2025 and can re-enroll in Summer 2025.
3. **Scenario:** After being suspended, student re-enrolls in Fall 2024. Student's CGPA is below 2.0 at the conclusion of the Fall 2024 term.
- a. **Outcome #1:** The student meets one of the AE standards at the conclusion of the Fall 2024 term. The student can re-enroll in Spring 2025. At the conclusion of the Spring 2025 term:
    - i. Student achieves 2.0 CGPA: Student is in good academic standing and can re-enroll in Fall 2025.
    - ii. Student meets AE criteria: Student remains on academic probation and can re-enroll in Fall 2025.
    - iii. Student does not meet AE standards: Student is subject to dismissal.
      - 1. Student attends summer sessions and achieves 2.0 CGPA: Student is in good academic standing and can re-enroll in Fall 2025.
      - 2. Student attends summer sessions and meets AE standards: Student remains on academic probation and can re-enroll in Fall 2025.
      - 3. Student attends summer sessions and does not meet AE standards: Student is dismissed. Student can file an appeal of the dismissal; if successful, the student can re-enroll in Fall 2025 and must meet AE standards at the conclusion of Fall 2025. If AE standards are not met at the conclusion of Fall 2025, the student is dismissed. There is no appeal process for this dismissal.
      - 4. Student does not attend summer sessions: Student is dismissed. Student can file an appeal of the dismissal; if successful, the student can re-enroll in Fall 2025 but must meet AE standards at the conclusion of Fall 2025. If AE standards are not met at the conclusion of Fall 2025, student is dismissed. There is no appeal process for this dismissal.
      - 5. Student does not attend summer sessions and does NOT file an appeal of the dismissal: Student is dismissed.
  - b. **Outcome #2:** The student does not meet AE standards at the conclusion of the Fall 2024 term: Student is subject to dismissal beginning Spring 2025.
    - i. Student files an appeal of the dismissal: If successful, the student can re-enroll in Spring 2025 and must meet AE standards at the conclusion of Spring 2025. If AE standards are not met at the conclusion of Spring 2025, student is dismissed. There is no appeal process for this dismissal.
    - ii. Student does not file an appeal of the dismissal: Student is dismissed.