Academic Standing

Minimum Grade Requirements

Students are expected to maintain a level of scholastic achievement that allows them to meet the grade requirements for graduation. Students remain in good standing when they maintain a UTSA grade point average of 2.0 or higher. Students who fail to maintain the minimum required grade point average of 2.0 in all work attempted at UTSA will be placed on academic warning, academic probation, or academic dismissal as appropriate. Students seeking degrees in the College of Business or the College of Engineering, or planning to major in Biology, should refer to the UTSA Undergraduate Catalog for additional minimum grade requirements.

Academic Warning

First-time undergraduates at UTSA, including transfer students, who were admitted in good standing and earn a semester grade point average between 1.0 and 1.99 during their first semester at UTSA are placed on academic warning. Students admitted on academic probation are not eligible for the academic warning status.

First-time undergraduates at UTSA, including transfer students, who were admitted in good standing and have a semester grade point average below 1.0 during their first semester are placed on academic probation and bypass the academic warning status completely.

Students on academic warning must be advised by their assigned academic advisor prior to registration to help ensure their academic success.

At the end of their second semester of registration at UTSA, the academic standing of students on academic warning will be changed to good standing if their overall UTSA grade point average rises to at least 2.0 or their academic standing will be changed to academic probation if their overall UTSA grade point average remains below 2.0.

Students on academic warning may enroll in no more than 13 semester credit hours in a Fall or Spring Semester and no more than 7 semester credit hours in a Summer Semester.

Academic Probation

Students in good standing (as defined above) whose overall UTSA grade point average falls below 2.0 (other than first-time undergraduates who meet the criteria for academic warning) are placed on academic probation. Academic probation will be cleared when a student achieves a 2.0 overall UTSA grade point average.

Students placed on academic probation must make a semester grade point average of 2.0 or above in each semester of probation in order to remain enrolled. Students on academic probation whose semester grade point average is below 2.0 will be placed on academic dismissal, even if their overall UTSA grade point average is above 2.0.

Students on academic probation must be advised prior to registration to help ensure their academic success. At that time, the student and the advisor will develop a remedial plan specifying expectations the student will be required to meet during the semester. Students who do not follow this plan will be subject to academic dismissal.

Students cannot graduate while on academic probation.

Students on academic probation may enroll in no more than 13 semester credit hours in a Fall or Spring Semester and no more than 7 semester credit hours in a Summer Semester.

Students on academic probation may not enroll in a course offered in a shortened term of less than five weeks.

Academic Dismissal and Reinstatement Policy and Procedures

Students on academic probation who earn a semester grade point average below 2.0 will be placed on academic dismissal. There are three types of academic dismissal, each of which is described below.

If students believe there are nonacademic, extenuating circumstances that contributed to their inability to do well academically, they may petition for early (immediate) reinstatement. Students must submit the petition for early reinstatement through the Dean’s Office of their assigned college.

First Academic Dismissal

Students, other than those classified as provisional students, who are placed on academic dismissal for the first time will be reinstated if they choose after not attending UTSA for the next regular semester (Fall, Spring, or entire Summer Semester). Students seeking reinstatement must apply for admission with the Admissions Office by June 1 for Fall Semester, November 15 for the Spring Semester, and May 1 for the Summer Semester. Students on academic dismissal from UTSA may attend other institutions and transfer appropriate coursework completed to UTSA, but grades earned cannot count toward or be used to improve their UTSA grade point average. If a student does enroll at another institution, an admission decision will be made upon receipt of an official transcript that reflects grades on coursework taken at that institution during the period of dismissal from UTSA. Reinstatement requires a 2.0 grade point average using a four-point grade scale.

Typically, a student subject to dismissal will be dismissed. A student who wishes to appeal a dismissal should contact the student’s assigned academic advisor for processes and deadlines. In unusual circumstances, a student may be allowed to continue subject to conditions prescribed by the Dean.

Subsequent Academic Dismissal

Students placed on academic dismissal for a second or subsequent time may be reinstated after not attending UTSA for one calendar year with the approval of the reinstatement committee in their assigned college. Each of these committees reports to a college Dean who has final authority for determinations of reinstatements.

Students seeking reinstatement must apply for admission to the Admissions Office and pay the reinstatement fee. The application for admission may be filed online. In addition to the application and fee payment, the applicant must complete a petition packet. The packet, including instructions, may be found on the Admissions website. The application, reinstatement fee, petition form, and all required supporting documentation must be on file in the Admissions Office by May 15 for the Fall Semester; October 15 for the Spring Semester; and March 15 for the Summer Semester, to be considered by the appropriate reinstatement committee. The reinstatement committee’s decision, and any conditions of the decision, will be communicated to the applicant by the reinstatement committee. Students on academic dismissal from
UTSA may attend other institutions and transfer appropriate coursework completed to UTSA, but grades earned cannot count toward or be used to improve their UTSA grade point average.

Procedures and Requirements Following Petitions for Reinstatement

If the reinstatement committee in the student's assigned college approves the Petition for Reinstatement, the Office of Admissions will process the application for admission for the requested semester of enrollment. If the petition for reinstatement is disapproved, a student may not file another petition until the following semester. Appeal of a denial for reinstatement may be made to the Vice Provost and Dean of University College within two weeks after notice of the denial is postmarked. The decision of the Vice Provost and Dean of University College is final.

All students who are reinstated from academic dismissal are placed on academic probation and must maintain a minimum semester 2.0 grade point average every semester until they reach a UTSA cumulative grade point average of 2.0. Students who have been reinstated following an academic dismissal must be advised prior to registration. At that time, the student and the advisor will develop a remedial plan specifying expectations the student will be required to meet during the semester. Students who fail to follow the requirements set by the Dean will be subject to academic dismissal.

Advising for Reinstated Students

Students are ultimately responsible for knowing and meeting degree requirements, for enrolling in appropriate courses to ensure orderly and timely completion of their degree programs, and for following the rules and policies of UTSA as found in the UTSA catalog, the current UTSA Information Bulletin, and online schedule of classes. Each academic advisor sees students assigned to them concerning all matters of their academic status, such as progress toward degree completion, graduation status, academic probation, academic dismissal, and changing majors. Students who are on academic probation who are reinstated after academic dismissal, or who have a Texas Success Initiative (TSI) deficiency are required to be advised and holds are placed on their registration records to ensure that the student meets with an advisor. Students may also be required to meet with their assigned academic advisor to obtain approval to register for restricted courses.

Students may also need to consult with the Honors College, Athletics program, or teacher certification advisors.