

Academic Probation Frequently Asked Questions

For additional questions, please contact the Academic Advisement Center at 657-278-3606 or in University Hall 123B.

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I. What is Academic Probation?

An undergraduate student is placed on academic probation when his/her Cumulative and/or CSUF GPA falls below a 2.0 (“C” average).

Title 5, CA Code of Regulations, Section 41300; CSU Executive Order 1038

II. What is Academic Disqualification?

An undergraduate student who begins the semester on academic probation is subject to academic disqualification at the end of the semester when the student’s Cumulative and/or CSUF GPA falls below the specific minimum disqualification level for his/her class standing.

A student can remain on academic probation for multiple semesters as long as his/her GPA does not fall below the disqualification level in relation to his/her class level. See the chart below:

Class Level	Units Earned	GPA Level
Freshman	0 – 29 units	1.50
Sophomore	30 – 59 units	1.70
Junior	60 – 89 units	1.85
Senior	90 or more units	1.95

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III. Probation Advising and Academic Advisement Holds

When a student is placed on academic probation, the following occurs:

- 1) Student receives a probation letter providing clear action steps to regain good academic standing (GPA \geq 2.0)
- 2) Student must complete either the AAC Online Probation Tutorial or AAC Online Transfer Student Probation Tutorial.
- 3) Student must participate in mandatory advising as determined by his/her college and/or department.

Academic Advising registration holds (Service Indicators) are placed on students’ accounts during the semester following their probation or disqualification status. Probation holds do not affect a student’s ability to register for classes in the semester immediately following probation. Holds must be removed by the student’s major department or the college representative responsible for probation advising. Undeclared students will visit the Academic Advisement Center for advising and hold removal.

IV: How many semesters can a student be on academic probation?

No limit. Students can remain on academic probation for multiple semesters (continued probation) as long as their GPA does not fall below the disqualification level based on units earned. However, in order to graduate, they must earn a 2.0 in CSUF, Major, and Cumulative GPAs.

Disqualification GPA Levels:

Class Level	Units Earned	GPA Level
Freshman	0 – 29 units	1.50
Sophomore	30 – 59 units	1.70
Junior	60 – 89 units	1.85
Senior	90 or more units	1.95

V: Grade Forgiveness: The Most Effective Way to Raise a GPA!

Grade Forgiveness is the quickest and most effective way for students to raise their GPA. Undergraduate students may repeat courses at California State University, Fullerton for which a grade of “C minus” (1.7) or lower was earned.

In computing the grade point average of students who repeat courses in which they received a “C minus” (1.7) or lower, only the most recently earned grades and grade points shall be used for the first 16 units repeated.

While the original grade is replaced in the student’s GPA, the original grade shall not be removed on the academic record.

In the case of any repetition beyond the 16-unit limit, both grades are considered in computing grade point averages (grades are averaged).

CSU Executive Order 1037; CSUF UPS 300.015

Important Grade Forgiveness Details:

CSUF Students:

- can only repeat a class for which a C- or lower is earned
- must repeat the same class here at CSUF
- are limited to a maximum of 16 units of Grade Forgiveness
- must complete the Adjustment Inquiry Form in Admissions (LH 114) to apply Grade Forgiveness
- should evaluate their potential to earn a passing grade in the course before repeating it

Grade Forgiveness is not automatically applied! In order for Grade Forgiveness to be applied, the student must complete the Adjustment Inquiry Form in Admissions and Records (LH 114). This will not only increase a student’s GPA, but will also help ensure duplicate units are removed from the student’s unit total. If the student will potentially be disqualified at the end of a term or is a graduation candidate for the specific term, Admissions and Records will make an exception and automatically apply grade forgiveness. In all other cases, a form must be completed by the student.

VI: GPA Calculation

The grade-point average (GPA) is obtained by dividing the number of grade points earned by the number of GPA units attempted.

$$\text{Total (Cumulative) GPA} = \frac{\text{Total Grade Points}}{\text{Total GPA Units attempted}}$$

$$\text{CSUF GPA} = \frac{\text{Total CSUF Grade Points}}{\text{Total CSUF GPA Units attempted}}$$

Academic Advisement's [online GPA Calculator](#) is a recommended tool to improve accuracy when calculating a student's GPA.

Steps for Using the GPA Calculator:

Total (Cumulative) GPA :

To calculate the potential cumulative GPA including units currently enrolled in, enter the following using information from the Unofficial Transcript:

- 1) Enter the Total GPA Units in the form at the bottom of the screen (**left box**).
- 2) Enter the Total Grade Points in the form at the bottom of the screen (**right box**).
- 3) Then enter the current semester's class units and expected grades where indicated in the form at the top of the screen.
- 4) The GPA shown in the bottom form should change with each added course to show the cumulative CSUF GPA, which should be different than the semester GPA at the top of the screen.

Term GPA :

- 1) Enter the current semester's class units and expected grades
- 2) Select courses to exclude from the GPA calculation. I, CR, NC, RD, RP, or W grades are automatically excluded from the GPA calculation.
- 3) The GPA box at the top of the screen shows the student's estimated semester GPA.