



Policy Title
Academic Standing Policy

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1-001

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Responsible Official: Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	Last Reviewed Date: June 4, 2021
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I. Policy Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to inform SULC faculty and students of the academic standing standard and the consequences of unsatisfactory academic performance in law school.

II. Policy Scope

This policy applies to students.

III. Policy Compliance

This policy will impact a student's ability to continue their matriculation or be dismissed from school due to their academic performance.

IV. Policy Definitions

Not applicable.

V. Policy Development and Implementation Procedure

The policy was created by the SULC faculty in an effort to establish academic performance expectations and indicate the consequences for failure to adhere to those expectations. The Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs will be charged with implementing and enforcing this policy.

VI. Policy and Applicable Procedures

First-Year Students

1. A first-year student whose overall grade point average at the end of the first regular semester is less than 1.5 is automatically dismissed.
2. A first-year student whose overall grade point average at the end of the first semester is less than 2.0 is on probation and may not schedule more than 12 hours for full-time students or 8 hours for part-time students.
3. A first-year student whose overall grade point average at the end of the first two regular semesters is less than 2.0 is automatically dismissed.

Second-Year and Third-Year Students

1. A second-year or third-year student whose overall grade point average after the third regular semester is less than 2.0 is on probation. If the student was on probation in the regular semester immediately preceding, the student is automatically dismissed.
2. A second-year or third-year student on probation may not schedule more than 14 hours.
3. A second-year or third-year student who receives a grade of "F" in six semester hours of work in any one regular semester is on probation if the student's overall grade point average is 2.5; if it is less than 2.5, the student is automatically dismissed.

VII. Policy History and Review

This policy was created and became effective prior to the implementation of the uniform policy format which was implemented in 2019. The policy was reviewed and revised on June 4, 2021. The policy is subject to a five-year policy review cycle and shall be reviewed by the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and any changes will be submitted to the faculty for consideration.

VIII. Publication of Policy

This policy is published on the Southern University Law Center website at www.sulc.edu.

IX. Policy Approval

This policy was approved by the faculty on June 4, 2021.



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Date