**Academic Probation and Suspension**

Academic performance is measured by quality points and grade point averages (GPA).

Each student must maintain a specified grade point average to remain in good standing and to prevent being placed on academic probation or being suspended for academic reasons.

Students are urged to confer regularly with their advisors to seek assistance in improving academic standing.

**Academic Probation**

Any student not subject to suspension (see below) will be on academic probation at the conclusion of any semester, summer session, or Wintermester in which he or she has achieved a cumulative GPA between 1.00 and 1.99. Note: The minimum grade point average required for graduation from Radford is 2.00. However, some majors require a GPA higher than 2.00 in order for a student to declare that major and/or to graduate with a degree in that major.

Academic probation is an indication of serious academic deficiency and may lead to academic suspension. A student on academic probation may not carry more than 16 semester hours during a regular academic year semester.

**Academic Suspension**

**New Student Policy**

Any new (freshman or transfer), full-time (as of census date) student who has a GPA below 1.00 at the conclusion of the first semester of enrollment will be suspended. The student will not be allowed to continue in the next Wintermester and spring semester (if the student first enrolled in the fall) or summer sessions and fall semester (if the student first enrolled in the spring).

No exceptions to the academic suspension policy will be made for new students.

**Continuing Student Policy**

The academic suspension threshold for continuing students is determined by the number of hours attempted, according to the following scale:

Hours Attempted Cumulative GPA Required to Avoid Suspension

13-23 1.00

24-35 1.50

36-47 1.80

48 or more 2.00

Continuing students may attend Wintermester (if suspension follows a fall semester) or summer sessions (if suspension follows spring semester) at Radford University to improve their GPAs and avoid being suspended for the subsequent spring or fall semester. Courses taken at other institutions will not affect the student’s Radford University GPA.

No exceptions to the academic suspension policy will be made for continuing students.

**Additional Information about Suspension**

**Suspension and Dismissal**

A student who has been suspended once for academic reasons, is readmitted, and who falls below the suspension threshold for a second time is dismissed from the university. Such students are permanently ineligible to enroll at Radford in the future.

**Simultaneous Academic and Disciplinary Suspensions**

Occasionally, a student whose actions during a semester result in disciplinary suspension for the following semester subsequently earns grades for the semester that also cause him/her to fall below the academic suspension threshold. In such cases, the following semester’s suspension will be considered an academic suspension for the purpose of determining the number of times a student has fallen below the academic suspension threshold.

**Transfer Credit During the Period of Suspension**

A student on academic suspension from Radford University may receive transfer credit for work taken at another college or university during the period of enforced suspension. To ensure proper credit for any courses taken at another institution, students are strongly encouraged to verify course transferability with their College Advising Center prior to enrolling in such courses. While courses passed with a grade of “C” or better qualify for transfer (“C-” grades are not acceptable), these grades are not used in computing the Radford grade point average and the Radford repeat policy cannot be applied. In order to be eligible for readmission to Radford University, students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher on all work attempted at another college during the term(s) of their suspension. Readmission to the university, however, is never automatic. (See below.)

**Readmission**

Students who do not maintain continuous enrollment at Radford University for any reason and wish to return must submit a Request for Readmission Form (see <https://php.radford.edu/~myru/readmission/>) to the Office of the Registrar regardless of their academic status. A readmission application is necessary for all students wishing to re-enroll so that required adjustments in the student information system can be made and so the university can inform the student about academic advising, registration procedures, housing options, tuition charges and financial aid options.

Students readmitted to Radford University who have been away for two or more consecutive semesters must meet the degree requirements in the Radford University Undergraduate Catalog at the time of readmission.

**Students Who Left the University in Good Standing**

Students who left the university in good academic standing (i.e., whose cumulative grade point average at Radford University is 2.0 or higher) and whose records include no conduct/disciplinary offenses or criminal offenses must apply for readmission no less than five days, but no more than six months prior to the beginning of the term in which re-enrollment is desired. For those students who left the university in good academic standing, eligibility for readmission will be determined by the Office of the Registrar, provided that the student has maintained a minimum GPA of 2.00 at all schools attended since last enrolled at RU. Students who left RU in good standing but who have not maintained a minimum GPA of 2.00 at all schools attended since last enrolled at RU will have their eligibility for readmission determined by the Readmission Committee. These students’ applications for readmission should include a narrative explaining why the performance at other institutions was below average.

**Students Who Did Not Leave the University in Good Standing**

The Readmission Committee also will review the applications of those students who were academically suspended or who left the university while on academic probation. Academic Renewal (see below) may be an option for students who have been absent from the university for four or more years. To be eligible for readmission, students who did not leave the university in good standing must have maintained a minimum GPA of 2.00 at all institutions attended since leaving Radford University. Students are encouraged to send their transcripts to support their application at the time of reapplying. Final decisions about readmission may be deferred pending receipt of an official/final transcript, and offers of readmission may be rescinded if a review of a readmitted student’s transcript subsequently reveals that the student did not maintain the requisite 2.0 GPA at other institutions.

Students who left the university are not automatically eligible to return, especially if they were suspended or left while on probation. Only those students who appear to have potential for success in general and within their selected major will be readmitted. The Readmission Committee will evaluate requests for readmission on the basis of the following criteria:

1. The student’s written statement in which:
   1. The student explains why his or her academic performance leading to suspension was so poor, with documentation provided if the student is claiming that external factors are to blame;
   2. compelling reasons are offered for wishing to return to Radford University;
   3. the student’s activities or accomplishments during the period of suspension or absence are described; and
   4. the student indicates how and why academic performance will improve if readmitted;
2. Quality point deficit;
3. Number of “Repeats” available to use as strategy to bring up GPA;
4. Previous academic history;
5. Requested readmit major;
6. Evidence of improved academic performance at any institution attended while absent from Radford University; and
7. (If applicable) Performance at Radford University during their semester(s) of probation

Students are most likely to be readmitted if:

1. They take responsibility for the choices and behaviors that led to their suspension; they have clear academic goals; they have made good use of the time they have been away from Radford, either by taking classes or being employed; and they state clearly and in detail the actions they will take to return to good academic standing;
2. Their quality point deficit is nine points or fewer. Students who have questions about the calculation of their grade point deficit should contact their college advising center;
3. They have multiple “Repeats” available;
4. Their academic record demonstrates at least some evidence of past success at Radford University;
5. They are not requesting readmission into a major that has academic expectations that exceed the 2.00 suspension threshold. (Note: students are occasionally readmitted to the university only if they agree to change majors);
6. They earned mostly grades of “A” and “B” if they have attended other institutions during their suspension from Radford; and
7. (If applicable) They participated fully in academic recovery programs during their semester(s) of probation.

Please note that the committee reviews only written materials and that individual appearances before the committee are not permitted.

Once a decision has been made regarding the application, the student will be notified in writing. Additionally, housing information will be sent when on-campus housing is requested. Registration information will be sent when it becomes available.

The Readmission Committee reserves the right to revoke any offer of readmission. Students who are readmitted will be on probation. Continuation of enrollment in subsequent terms is contingent upon the student achieving the requisite cumulative GPA (see “Continuing Student Policy,” above) by the conclusion of all summer sessions (for spring readmits) or by the conclusion of Wintermester (for fall readmits). Failure to do so will result in permanent dismissal from the university. (See “Suspension and Dismissal,” above.)

**Exception to Academic Policy**

*The Radford University Undergraduate Catalog* is the basic authority for academic requirements at Radford University. All students are expected to follow the catalog in the pursuit of their degrees. On occasion, extraordinary circumstances may, however, justify minor departures from the catalog requirements. Students who believe their situation warrants a deviation from academic policy may petition for an exception. Students should consult with their advising coordinator to explore the feasibility of petitioning for an exception to academic policy.

Undergraduate students who need to petition for an exception to academic policy must fill out the Undergraduate Student Academic Petition form, available in advising centers. There are several academic requirements for which exceptions are never made, even through the academic petition process: the minimum grade point average (2.00) to graduate, the minimum number of semester hours (120) to graduate; the minimum number of semesters hours (45) earned at Radford University to graduate (unless the student is graduating under the provisions of an articulation agreement between Radford University and a Virginia community college in which the possibility of graduating with fewer than 45 Radford University hours is clearly stipulated); the number of class withdrawals (5) a student may use; the number of repeats (3) permitted; the number of earned credits (60) at Radford needed to qualify for Latin Honors.

In addition, no exceptions to the academic suspension policy will be made for new or continuing students. Finally, students who are dismissed from the university for academic reasons may not petition for readmission. (See “[Terms of Suspension](http://catalog.radford.edu/content.php?catoid=7&navoid=184#Terms_of_Suspension),” above.)

The college dean of the petitioning student has the authority to approve or disapprove the student’s request for an exception to academic policy upon review of recommendations from the student’s academic advisor, department chair and instructor (as appropriate), and – if deemed necessary – in consultation with the registrar. The dean will submit the form to the Office of the Registrar.