

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS AND ACADEMIC PROBATION: INFORMATION, POLICIES, AND SUPPORTS

Periodic Academic Audits and Targeted Outreach

The College has certain thresholds for academic probation and dismissal. Procedures for these statuses are discussed below.

The [Office of Accessible Education and Student Support](#) raises flags in [BatesReach](#) for students in two categories: (1) students with an immediate past semester GPA between 1.0 and 2.0 and (2) students who have failed one or more courses in the immediate past semester

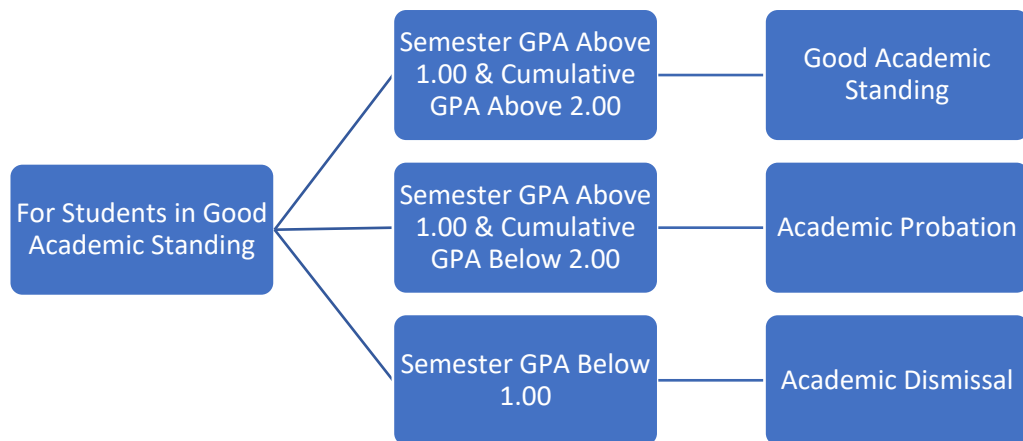
Notifications are sent to the student's student support advisor (SSA), academic advisor (either pre-major advisor/FYS instructor or major advisor), and coach (if applicable). The SSA and academic advisor should coordinate to support the student, working to understand the cause of their academic struggles, referring to appropriate resources on campus, and clearing the flag.

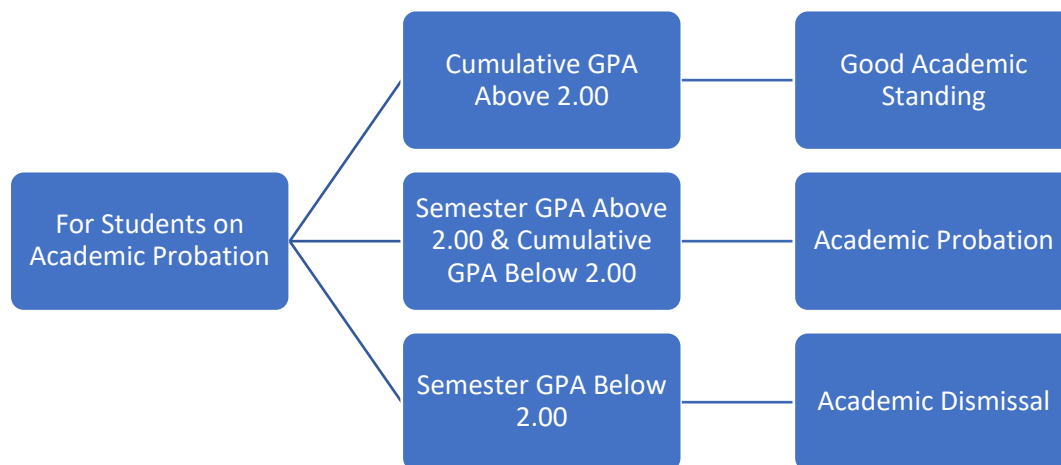
Guidelines for Students on Academic Probation

The [Bates College Catalog](#) details the GPA and credit requirements needed in order to be considered in good academic standing. Students who do not meet these requirements may be dismissed or placed on academic probation. Students placed on academic probation must meet minimum semester GPA standards until their cumulative GPA reaches a certain threshold.

While on academic probation, students are strongly encouraged to meet with their SSA so that they may receive additional academic and personal support.

GPA Satisfactory Progress Standards





Course Credit Satisfactory Progress Standards (Four-Year Program)

	Standard Progress	Minimum Progress
Two Semesters	8 Regular Semester Credits	6 Regular Semester Credits (Bates courses)
Four Semesters	16 Regular Semester Credits	14 Regular Semester Credits
Six Semesters	24 Regular Semester Credits Plus 1 Short Term Credit	22 Regular Semester Credits Plus 1 Short Term Credit
Eight Semesters	32 Regular Semester Credits Plus 2 Short Term Credits	32 Regular Semester Credits Plus 2 Short Term Credits

For students on academic probation, the academic advisor and SSA should coordinate with one another and with their student advisee to develop a plan for successful completion of the student’s work. It is recommended that SSAs and/or academic advisors should meet with their students on academic probation about every other week. These meetings should continue throughout the semester the student is on probation. These meetings should endeavor to identify the cause of the academic struggles, provide referrals to other support services on campus, discuss the student’s current coursework, and if needed, discuss whether a leave of absence might be appropriate.

Some students on probation may elect to not meet with their SSA or academic advisor at all or after a few meetings. Both SSAs and academic advisors should periodically reach out to these students with an offer to support and help, understanding that some may be unresponsive and that we do not force them to meet with us.

Guidelines for Students Who Have Been Academically Dismissed

When students are academically dismissed, either because of GPA or insufficient credits, the SSA plays a key role in helping to support the student. Students who have been dismissed typically must separate from Bates for at least one semester and must meet certain requirements as outlined in their dismissal letter. Students dismissed for GPA reasons typically must take at least two classes elsewhere with a minimum grade expectation. These classes must be [transferred into Bates for credit](#).

Students dismissed for insufficient credits must take enough courses elsewhere to transfer into Bates for credit to bring them to at least the minimum credit threshold.

After being informed by the Associate Dean of Students that they have been dismissed, the SSA will reach out to the student to provide initial support and to discuss options; this meeting can involve the academic advisor as well.

Students who have been dismissed may petition the [Academic Standing Committee](#) to waive their dismissal and permit them to return to Bates for the following semester. SSAs may advise the student about this process. Dismissals are waived only in exceptional cases. The SSA should communicate this to the student and help them begin to make plans for their time away. The SSA may make referrals to the Registrar's Office to work through the transfer credit approval process.

While the student is away, the SSA is the primary point of contact for that student. The SSA provides basic advice and information and refers to other offices as appropriate. If the dismissed student returns to Bates, the SSA reaches out early in the student's first semester back to provide support and referrals to other resources on campus as needed. If the student is on academic probation, the SSA should follow the guidelines in the section above.

If the student wishes to withdraw from Bates, the SSA should direct the student to the Office of Accessible Education and Student Support to complete the [withdrawal form](#).