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Academic Probation, Suspension, and Re-admission Regulations

There are three categories of academic status: academic good standing, academic probation and academic suspension. Students will receive official notification of academic status. Such notice is not a prerequisite to students being placed in one of the above categories. Louisiana Delta Community College (LDCC) will attempt via electronic means to inform students of any changes in academic status. Students have the responsibility to ascertain their academic status prior to the beginning of the next enrollment period.

Definitions

Attempted Hours: Attempted hours are those hours for which a student registers and **does not drop** during the drop/add period when registered courses that are dropped do not become part of the academic record. After the drop/add period, all courses become part of the academic record whether the course is withdrawn with a grade of “W” or graded at the end of the semester/term. In addition, all transfer credit articulated will be included in attempted hours and also in earned hours and/or GPA hours based on the grade received. Attempted hours are used in determining financial aid eligibility and is determined by the Financial Aid Office personnel.

Earned Hours: Earned hours are those hours on the academic record that have a grade of A, B, C, D, S, P, or CR. Earned hours determines a student’s classification as a freshman or sophomore. Earned hours are used to determine eligibility to receive a degree or award. Academic areas determine which courses can be used to satisfy requirements toward a specific degree or award.

GPA Hours: GPA hours are those credit hours for which a student registers and receives a grade of A – F or I. Credit courses for which a student receives a grade of “P,” “CR,” and “S” are included in earned hours, but not GPA hours. Semester hours for which a student registers, but later withdraws with a grade of “W” are included in attempted hours, but not GPA hours.

Quality Points: Quality points are awarded based on the letter grade that you earn in a class. These points are then directly used to calculate your GPA which is used to determine academic standing for future enrollment. The breakdown of points earned for each letter grade is as follows:

- A = 4 points per credit hour**
- B = 3 points per credit hour**
- C = 2 points per credit hour**
- D = 1 point per credit hour**
- F = 0 points per credit hour**

GPA: The GPA whether it be the semester GPA or the cumulative GPA are indicators of a student's success in a specific course, in a term or for the overall record for completion of an award or certificate. GPA is calculated for a specific course, term or cumulative in the same manner. To calculate GPA, divide the quality points by the GPA hours. For instance if you have pursued 12 semester GPA hours and earned 24 quality points for a specific semester/term, your GPA for that term would be a 2.0. (24 QP/12 GPA HRS = 2.0 GPA)

Cumulative GPA Hours: Cumulative GPA hours are all hours for which a student has registered and received a final grade of A – F or I at the college as well as all courses articulated in transfer credit.

Adjusted GPA Hours: Adjusted GPA hours are those credit hours for which a student registers and receives a grade of A- F or I at the home institution, excluding those credit hours removed from the calculation of the student's grade point average through a repeat/delete policy and/or those credit hours removed through Academic Amnesty.

Adjusted Cumulative Grade Point Average: This GPA is adjusted to exclude those quality hours and grades which have been removed from the calculation of a student's grade point average through a repeat/delete policy and/or Academic Amnesty. This adjusted cumulative grade point average is used to determine a student's academic status.

Academic Status Determination for Transfer Students

A student who transfers to LDCC with an adjusted cumulative grade point average of 2.000 or higher will be admitted in good standing. A transfer student with less than a 2.000 adjusted cumulative grade point average will be admitted on probation. No student will be placed on probation until he/she has at least 15 GPA hours.

Academic Probation

Students will be placed on academic probation whenever their adjusted cumulative grade point averages falls below a 2.000 and GPA hours are 15 or more. Once on academic probation, a student will remain on academic probation until the adjusted cumulative grade point average of 2.000 or higher is achieved (as long as the student earns a minimum 2.000 for each term of enrollment).

Once an adjusted cumulative GPA of 2.000 or higher is achieved, a student will be removed from probation and the record will reflect good standing status.

Academic Suspension

LDCC students who are on academic probation and who fail to achieve a semester grade point average of at least a 2.000 will be suspended for one semester. If a student is suspended at the conclusion of a spring semester, the student is suspended for the following fall semester.

If the student wishes to enroll for the summer term while under suspension for they fall, they may contact the Knight Center and speak with enrollment services personnel to enable summer only enrollment. After the summer enrollment, if the student's cumulative average is still below a 2.000, the fall suspension remains in effect, and student is ineligible for fall enrollment.

If a student is suspended at the conclusion of a fall semester, the student is suspended for the following spring semester.

No student will be suspended before he/she has attempted at least 24 semester hours.

ACADEMIC STATUS FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED DURING THE SUMMER

LDCC does not implement academic status for students who attend during the summer.

ACADEMIC STATUS FOR VISITING STUDENTS

LDCC does not implement academic status for visiting students since academic standing should be enforced at the student's home institution.

Enrollment During a Suspension Period

A student who is currently on suspension from any college or university outside the LCTCS System may appeal to enroll at LDCC. A student who is on suspension from any LCTCS institution must appeal for readmission to that institution before acceptance at LDCC. Credits earned by a student while on suspension may or may not be accepted toward a degree or certificate. Individual colleges and universities determine whether students will be awarded credit for courses taken while on suspension. Therefore, all students on suspension should confer with transfer institutions prior to enrolling to determine specific college regulations.

APPEAL OF ACADEMIC SUSPENSIONS

Students suspended for scholastic deficiency may appeal for immediate reinstatement through their academic division chair. The appeal from academic suspension process consists of a letter of appeal written by the student to the academic division chair explaining any extenuating circumstances (as well as supporting documentation) responsible for poor academic performance. Gaining readmission in this manner permits students to continue, but it does not erase the "Academic Suspensions" entered on their record. If a student is readmitted through Appeal of Academic Suspension, the division chair will notify Enrollment Services of the readmission, and Enrollment Services will notate the readmission on the student's record and enable the record for registration by the student. The student will be identified as on academic

probation, and if the student does not achieve a 2.0 during the enrollment period, another suspension will occur.