

Learning Support Probation/Suspension -

DISCLAIMER: All policies regarding learning support are subject to change according to Board of Regents' mandates.

Students must remove academic deficiencies within the specified time established by the Board of Regents. A student who has not completed requirements for exiting a Learning Support area (*beginning Fall 2015* two attempts in learning support courses labeled as Foundation courses in English and Math; no attempt limits will be placed on students in co-requisite courses labeled as Support courses) shall be placed on Learning Support suspension for one year. Students who are placed on Learning Support suspension shall not be considered for readmission within one year of suspension. Receiving any of the following grades is considered an attempt: A, B, C, F, WF, S, U, I, or IP.

Learning Support courses cannot be appealed.

Academic or Suspension Appeals - The normal procedure to appeal academic matters such as grading, attendance, teacher techniques, student/teacher conflicts, or anything else associated with the academic process is: (1) to discuss the matter with the instructor concerned; (2) if the grievance has not been resolved, to discuss the matter with the Dean/Chair of the division concerned; (3) if the grievance still has not been resolved, an appeal may be made to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The Vice President for Academic Affairs may refer the matter to the Academic Appeals Committee for assistance in rendering a decision.

Students who have been suspended for academic reasons should, if they feel there were extenuating circumstances, ask for an appointment for a hearing before the Academic Appeals Committee. For the convenience of students, the Academic Appeals Committee meets on registration day of each semester and at other times as directed by the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Students should obtain the appeals forms from the Records Office. After the return of the completed forms with supporting documentation, an appointment with the Appeals Committee will be scheduled.

I. SUMMER READMISSION PROGRAM

A summer program for students on academic suspension has been developed to allow any student on academic suspension to enroll for the summer semester. All persons - regardless of academic suspension status - will be allowed to enroll. If during the summer semester, while enrolled in a minimum of a three-semester-hour academic course, a student improves his GPA to meet policy standards or makes a 2.00 for the semester, the student may enroll fall semester, and the suspension status will be lifted. However, the student may remain on probation if the minimum GPA is not met.

Students who earn less than a 2.00 GPA for the summer semester will be placed on academic suspension. First-time suspension students, that is, students who have not been away from the college on suspension, will be suspended for one semester. Second time (or more) suspension students, that is, students who have been away from the college on suspension, will be suspended for three semesters.

NOTE: Students receiving financial aid will be ineligible for aid under this program.

This program does not apply to students on Learning Support Suspension. [See Academic Regulations, Area H – Academic Standing - Learning Support Probation/Suspension.](#)

J. ACADEMIC RENEWAL

The Academic Renewal program provides the opportunity for degree-seeking students within the University System of Georgia who have experienced academic difficulty to have one final opportunity to earn an associate or bachelor's degree at a system school. A student at Darton State College seeking Academic Renewal status from former enrollment at Darton must have had a three-year absence. A student may be granted Academic Renewal status only once.