

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ACADEMIC STANDING POLICY

SUBJECT: Academic Progress
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Academic Probation & Suspension

HCC wants you to succeed and encourages you to make responsible academic choices. Therefore, your course load will be appropriately limited as defined in the course load policy (found in the College Regulations section of the HCC catalog). In addition, you must maintain at least a 2.00 Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) to remain in good standing.

Academic Standings:

Initial Standing

Student has attempted fewer than 9 cumulative credit hours with a CGPA => 2.00 for all classes attempted.

Good Standing

Student has attempted at least 9 cumulative credit hours and has a CGPA => 2.00 for all classes attempted.

If your CGPA drops below a 2.00, HCC will place you in one of the following categories to encourage you to improve:

Academic Alert – You have a CGPA lower than 2.00 after attempting 9 credit hours or fewer. You may continue to enroll in classes after you meet with your academic advisor to discuss a plan for academic improvement.

Academic Probation – You have a CGPA lower than 2.00 after completing 9 or more credits at HCC. You may continue to enroll in classes after you meet with your academic advisor to discuss a plan for academic improvement and provided you earn higher than a 2.00 Term GPA (TGPA) in the next full semester.

Continuing Academic Probation – You have a CGPA lower than 2.00 for all courses completed in residence and the last term GPA is 2.00 or higher.

Academic Suspension

If a student on academic probation earns a TGPA of less than 2.00 for all classes attempted, the student will be suspended and will not be allowed to enroll for the next term, excluding summer term (as summer term may not be used as a “suspension term”).

A student that earns a TGPA of 0.00 for all classes attempted will be suspended and will not be allowed to enroll for the next term.

Suspension Rules

Summer term may not be used as a “suspension term.”

Summer term may be used to improve the GPA. If a student wishes to enroll for summer term after being suspended, the student will need to apply for an exception to enroll.

Initial suspension is for one term, excluding summer term.

A second suspension is for two terms, excluding summer term.

If a student who has served the suspension time for initial suspension or second suspension wishes to return, he or she will be allowed to re-enroll only after meeting with an academic advisor. The student will be placed on academic probation.

A third suspension is for two full years or four academic terms, excluding summers.

If a student who has served the third suspension time of two years wishes to return, the student must meet with an advisor in order to get the suspension hold removed.

Note: Academic probation/suspension is different from financial aid warning/probation/ineligibility. Please see Financial Aid SAP policy for information about this topic.

Academic Appeal

You may appeal an academic decision only if you believe it was based on illegal discrimination or arbitrary and capricious actions. For more information about illegal discrimination, refer to the Grievance Process, which you can find online or in hard-copy form in the Student Services Office. For information about arbitrary and capricious actions, contact the Office of the Vice President for Student Services.