

General Engineering PROBATION & BLOCK POLICIES

According to the Scholastic Deficiency/Probation section (Revised: 2016) of the Texas A&M University Student Rules (<http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule12>), Section 12.1 An undergraduate student is scholastically deficient when

- 12.1.1 His or her semester grade point ratio is less than 2.00; or
- 12.1.2 His or her cumulative grade point ratio is less than 2.00; or
- 12.1.3 The cumulative grade point ratio in his or her major field of study is below a 2.00; or
- 12.1.4 He or she is not meeting college and/or major course of study grade point requirements.

Probation & Block Policies

Determination of scholastically deficient status occurs at the end of each long semester (fall or spring) after final semester grades have been posted. No scholastic deficiency review occurs at the end of summer semesters. Scholastically deficient students are placed on scholastic probation.

• Cumulative GPA <2.0?

- Student is placed on scholastic probation and blocked from pre-registration
 - At the end of the probationary semester:
 - If the semester GPA is ≥ 2.0 in the probationary semester and the cumulative GPA is ≥ 2.0 , the student will return to good academic standing
 - If the semester GPA is ≥ 2.0 in the probationary semester and the cumulative GPA remains below 2.0:
 - If this is the student's first probationary semester the student will be allowed one additional probationary semester
 - If this is the student's second probationary semester the student will be dismissed from the College of Engineering

• Semester GPA <2.0?

- Student is placed on scholastic probation
 - At the end of the probationary semester:
 - If the semester GPA is ≥ 2.0 in the probationary semester, the student will return to good academic standing.
 - If the semester GPA is < 2.0 in the probationary semester, the student will be dismissed from the College of Engineering.

• Repeating course for the third time

- Student is blocked from pre-registration
 - According to student rule 10.21, an undergraduate student may attempt a course no more than three times, including courses graded Q or W but excluding those graded NG, unless approval has been received from both the student's Dean or designee and the department offering the course. Students who do not complete a course with a grade of C or better on the third attempt will be dismissed from the College of Engineering.

University Level Suspension Policies

A scholastically-deficient undergraduate student may, after review by the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies or designee, be suspended from the university because of scholastic deficiency by the following action: Suspension – Separation of the student from the university for a definite period of time. The student is not guaranteed readmission at the end of this period of time. The student is guaranteed a review of the case and a decision regarding eligibility for readmission.

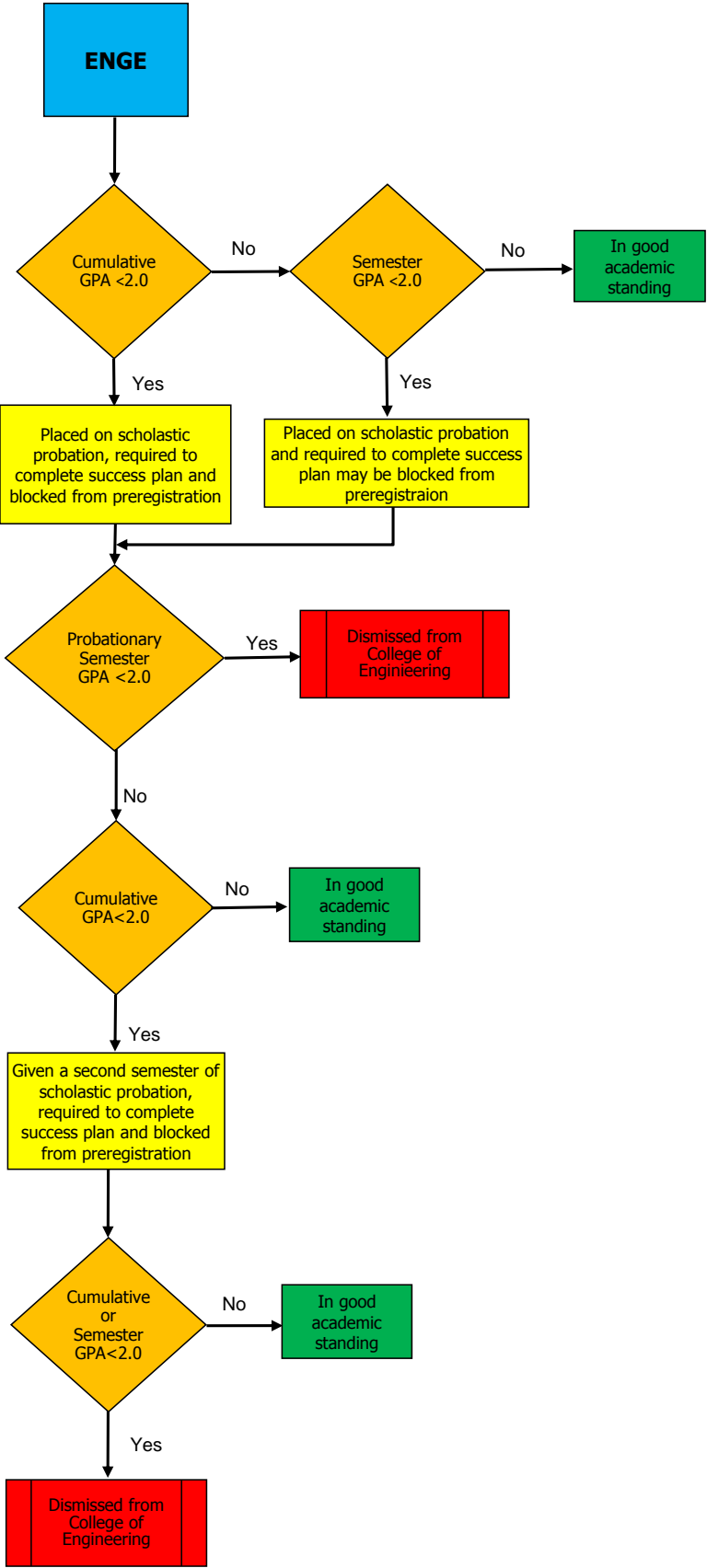
Below is a chart to visually represent the above policies:

Classification	U1 – Freshman	U2 – Sophomore	U3 – Junior	U4 – Senior
Scholastic Probation & Block	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0
University Level Dismissal Thresholds	Grade point deficit of -18	Grade point deficit of -18	Grade point deficit of -14	Grade point deficit of -10

Student Rights

Undergraduate students can appeal their dismissal or suspension. Dismissal and suspension letters will be sent to the students at the end of each semester and will include instructions on how to appeal to their department or college depending on the level of dismissal/suspension.

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How to Calculate Grade Point Deficits

The University uses variance points to determine whether or not students are placed on scholastic probation. Students' grades are weighed based on the number of credit hours of a class and the grade they earn. In order to remain in good academic standing, students must earn at least a "0" in variance points in both their semester and overall GPA. The more positive points students have, the less susceptible they will be to scholastic probation. Students on scholastic probation have negative variance points, and must earn positive points the next fall or spring semester. Earning A's and B's will add points to the overall variance while earning D's and F's will remove points from the overall variance. Earning a "C" does not earn either positive or negative variance points, because a C is considered a 2.0 and a 2.0 GPA is considered "good" academic standing. The number listed on a student's probation letter (C+6, for example) is the number of positive points that must be earned.

Variance points earned per class based on semester credit hours (SCH)

Grade	1 Credit Hours	2 Credit Hours	3 Credit Hours	4 Credit Hours
A	+2	+4	+6	+8
B	+1	+2	+3	+4
C,S	0	0	0	0
D	-1	-2	-3	-4
F or U	-2	-4	-6	-8

Sample Student Schedule

Course	SCH	Grade	Points
MATH 151	4	C	0
PHYS 218	4	C	0
ENGR 111	2	B	+2
POLS 207	3	D	-3
TOTAL	13		-1

The student in the table above would be on C+1 probation because they are 1 grade point BELOW a 2.0 GPA.

Students on semester probation must earn ≥ 2.0 GPA the next semester.