

Revision of R&P 3.10 Probation

Rationale

There are three principal changes: a new category Scholastic Warning as an alternative standard for students in their first semester at Lehigh, the addition of a standard for progress towards a degree, and a more structured listing of options for the SOS committee.

Scholastic Warning option for students in first semester at Lehigh *The current rule of imposing scholastic probation for achieving less than a 2.0 GPA in a student's first semester at Lehigh may worsen the acclimation process. Being placed on scholastic probation after one bad semester with restrictions on holding student offices, participating in intercollegiate athletic competition, a variety of extracurricular activities, etc. (See current R&P 3.10.4.) may have the unintended consequence of convincing the student or parents that Lehigh was not the correct choice.*

The Scholastic Warning option provides an alternative to the “hammer” of scholastic probation for students who have had a bad first semester. The intent of the warning is to connect the student with resources that will bring them back to Good Standing. Students who fail to achieve a 2.0 GPA but are above 1.7 during their first 18 credits at Lehigh will be given the opportunity to get back on track by taking advantage of department, college, or other organizations academic support efforts. However, if a student is still having academic difficulties after their first semester at Lehigh then the more serious step of scholastic probation may be appropriate.

Minimal progress towards degree *standard is to identify students who are earning good grades but are not making minimal progress towards eventual graduation. This standard requires that a student earn at least 12 credit hours each semester. If a student earns this minimum, they will earn 120 credit hours in five years.*

Structured listing of options *is intended to meet the SOS request for less subjective standards for the various options. It was thought that while the SOS committee achieves horizontal equity – treating alike students in like situations every semester – it is difficult to maintain equity over time as committee membership changes.*

Please note: the proposed revision to R&P 3.10 text is on pages 2-5 below with principal revisions printed in red. The current R&P 3.10 text is on pages 6-7.

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Proposed R&P 3.10 Scholastic Probation

3.10 Scholastic Probation

3.10.1 The Committee on Standing of Students uses the following guidelines to evaluate whether students are in Good Standing, on Scholastic Warning, on Scholastic Probation, or Dropped for Poor Scholarship.

1) A student is in Good Standing if their cumulative GPA is greater than or equal to 2.0 and they are making at least minimal progress towards their degree.

2) Undergraduate students with fewer than 19 completed credit hours can be in Good Standing, on Scholastic Warning, on Scholastic Probation, or Dropped for Poor Scholarship. Undergraduate students with 19 or more completed credit hours can be in Good Standing, on Scholastic Probation, or Dropped for Poor Scholarship.

3) Implications of Scholastic Warning, Scholastic Probation or Dropped for Poor Scholarship:

a) Students on Scholastic Warning will meet with their advisors and the Undergraduate Associate Dean of their College to develop a detailed plan of study, consultation with course instructors, etc., intended to achieve a rapid return to Good Standing. If the student fails to develop such a plan with their Undergraduate Associate Dean within the first two weeks of the semester, they will be put on Scholastic Probation.

b) Students on Scholastic Probation are ineligible for: (a) intercollegiate competition and other extracurricular activities in which they publicly represent the university, (b) major office (elected or appointed) in any university organization, and (c) other activities which require more time than should be diverted from primary purposes by students whose academic survival is at risk. The Dean of Students shall monitor and enforce this ruling. (See Lehigh University Student Code of Conduct on band regulations.) Scholastic probation will be effective at the end of each semester and the second summer session. Students who, while on scholastic probation, attend either or both summer sessions will have their status reviewed at the end of the second summer session by the SOS Committee.

c) Students Dropped for Poor Scholarship may be granted reinstatement by the Committee on Standing of Students. The student will be required to present a plan of study endorsed by their Undergraduate Associate Dean and approved by the Committee on Standing of Students. If a student is granted reinstatement, they will be on Scholastic Probation until they achieve Good Standing.

4) If a student fails to meet the standards for minimal degree progress, the Committee on Standing of Students may place the student on Scholastic Probation or Drop for Poor

Scholarship. Note that courses with grades of W, F, or that were repeated during a later semester, do not count as completed credit hours. The standards for minimal degree progress are:

- a) Complete at least 24 credit hours prior to the second year of enrollment.
- b) Complete at least 48 credit hours prior to the third year of enrollment.
- c) Complete at least 72 credit hours prior to the fourth year of enrollment.

5) The cumulative grade point average (GPA) is the weighted point average of all grades received in residence or at institutions specifically approved for grade transfer. The cumulative average is computed at the end of each semester and the second summer session. The term GPA (TGPA) is a student's GPA in the most recent semester or summer session. Note: for students who have completed only one semester, their TGPA=GPA.

6) Students with fewer than 19 completed credit hours.

TGPA greater than or equal to 2.0: Good Standing

TGPA greater than or equal to 1.7 and less than 2.0: Scholastic Warning

TGPA less than 1.7: Scholastic Probation or Dropped for Poor Scholarship

7) Students with 19 or more completed credit hours who are making at least minimal degree progress.

a) Students with GPA equal to or greater than 2.0

		Previous Semester Status	
		Good Standing	Scholastic Probation
Term GPA	$1.7 \leq \text{TGPA}$	Good Standing	Good Standing
	$\text{TGPA} < 1.7$	Scholastic Probation	Continued Probation or Dropped

b) Students with a GPA less than 2.0

		Previous Semester Status		
		Good Standing	Scholastic Warning	Scholastic Probation
Term GPA	$2.0 \leq \text{TGPA}$	NA*	Scholastic Probation	Continued Probation
	$1.7 \leq \text{TGPA} < 2.0$	Scholastic Probation	Scholastic Probation or Dropped	Continued Probation or Dropped
	$\text{TGPA} < 1.7$	Scholastic Probation or Dropped	Dropped for Poor Scholarship	Dropped for Poor Scholarship

* This is an empty set since a student must have had a 2.0 or better in their previous semester to be in good standing. If they receive a TGPA of 2.0 or greater, they must still have a GPA of 2.0 or greater.

8) The Committee on Standing of Students will determine a student's academic status if the student's cumulative GPA fails to meet the requirements for good scholastic standing as a result of a conversion of an N, X, or Z grade on the tenth day of instruction.

9) Students who, while on scholastic probation, attend either or both summer sessions will have their status reviewed at the end of the second summer session by the Committee on Standing of Students.

10) Special Cases

- a) Certain categories of students (e.g., those on financial aid, or those participating in intercollegiate athletics) will be expected to maintain whatever credit hours are required for eligibility.
- b) Non-degree students with fewer than 12 credit hours attempted will not have their progress evaluated until they earn at least 7 credit hours. A non-degree student with two or more F grades is eligible to be reviewed by and may be placed on Scholastic Warning, Scholastic Probation, or Dropped for Poor Scholarship at the discretion of the Committee on Standing of Students.
- c) Students who, regardless of their cumulative average, have failed more than eight credits of coursework during a semester or during Summer Sessions I and II combined, may be placed on Scholastic Warning, Scholastic Probation, or Dropped for Poor Scholarship at the discretion of the Committee on Standing of Students.

3.10.2 Dropped for Poor Scholarship/Reinstatement Status

- 1) If a student is placed on scholastic probation for the second but not consecutive term, a review by the Committee on Standing of Students will determine whether the student will continue on scholastic probation or be dropped for poor scholarship.
- 2) If the conversion of an N, X, or Z grade on the tenth day of instruction makes the student eligible for a change in academic status, the Committee on the Standing of Students will review each individual case to determine the student's status.
- 3) A student may be granted the privilege of reinstatement for summer session(s) only by the Committee on Standing of Students. The student will be required to present a plan of study endorsed by their advisor and Academic Dean and approved by the Committee on Standing of Students. At the completion of the summer, the student's status will be determined through review by the Committee on Standing of Students.
- 4) A student may be granted reinstatement for an academic semester on probation by the Committee on Standing of Students. The student will be required to present a plan of study endorsed by their advisor and Academic Dean and approved by the Committee on Standing of Students. At the completion of the semester, the student's status will be determined through review by the Committee on Standing of Students.

3.10.4 Living Group Probation

Any organized living group which in any one semester fails to attain for that semester an average of 2.00 or better is placed on social probation for the next succeeding regular semester, and thereafter until it attains a semester average of 2.00 or better. A living group on social probation shall not be allowed to hold any social affairs during the period of its probation.

Current R&P 3.10 Probation

3.10 *Probation*

3.10.1 Scholastic probation

- 1) The scholastic requirements for undergraduate students are expressed in terms of the cumulative grade point average (GPA) - the weighted point average of all grades received in residence or at institutions specifically approved for grade transfer. The cumulative average is computed at the end of each semester and the second summer session. A cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required for good standing.
- 2) Other undergraduates, including all General College Division students, Lehigh Valley Association of Independent College cross-registered students, high school Scholars, and R.O.T.C. students will be required to achieve a 2.00 cumulative GPA – the minimum average required for graduation – to remain in good academic standing. Non-degree students with less than 12 credit hours attempted, however, will not have their progress evaluated until they earn at least 7 credit hours total.
- 3) Any undergraduate student who earns lower than a 1.70 term GPA in a given term is eligible to be reviewed by and may be placed on probation at the discretion of the Committee on the Standing of Students (SOS). A non-degree student with two or more F grades is eligible to be reviewed by and may be placed on probation or dropped for poor scholarship at the discretion of the SOS committee.
- 4) Students who do not meet the above requirements will be placed on scholastic probation. Probation will be effective at the end of each semester and the second summer session. Students who, regardless of their cumulative average, have failed more than eight hours of coursework during a semester or Summer Sessions I and II combined, will also be placed on scholastic probation.
- 5) Should a student's cumulative GPA fail to meet the requirements for good scholastic standing, as a result of a conversion of an N, X, or Z grade on the tenth day of instruction, the SOS committee will review each individual's case to determine the student's status.
- 6) Students who, while on scholastic probation, attend either or both summer sessions will have their status reviewed at the end of each summer session by the SOS Committee.
- 7) While there is no specific hour requirement for good standing, certain categories of students (e.g., those on financial aid and those playing intercollegiate athletics) will be expected to maintain whatever hours are required for eligibility.

3.10.2 Removal from Probation

Students are removed from probation at such time as they meet the minimum standards. Refer to section on requirements for good standing, 3.10.1.

3.10.3 Dropped for Poor Scholarship/Reinstatement Status

- 1) A student who makes a 2.2 average or better in the probationary semester but fails to meet the standards stipulated in section 3.10.1 is continued on probation for another semester. A student who makes less than a 2.2 average in the probationary semester will have his/her status determined by the Committee on Standing of Students.

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3.10.4 Disabilities of students on probation

Students on scholastic probation are ineligible for (a) intercollegiate competition and other extracurricular activities in which they publicly represent the university; (b) major office (elective or appointive) in any university organization; and (c) other activities which require more time than should be diverted from primary purposes by students whose academic survival is at risk. The dean of students shall monitor and enforce this ruling. (See Lehigh University Student Code of Conduct on band regulations.)

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