

Academic Standing

A student's academic standing is set at the end of each grading period (including each regular academic semester, after interterms, and when pending grades resolve) based on the minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) scale outlined below. Academic standing categories are good standing, probation, and suspension.

In order to allow evaluation of academic standing before a new semester begins, incomplete (I) grades for students whose academic standing could be affected by the resolution of the incomplete must be resolved by one week before the first day of the following term rather than at the following midterm, when incompletes normally resolve. Notification of suspension and other academic standing changes is sent to students in writing after final grades are processed.

Good Standing

A student will remain in or return to good standing provided their Principia cumulative GPA meets these requirements:

Total Semester Hours Earned	Minimum GPA Required
0-15	1.600
>15-30	1.700
>30-45	1.800
>45-59	1.900
>59	2.000

Total semester hours earned in the chart above include Principia College courses only.

Academic Probation

A student will be placed on academic probation if their cumulative GPA is below the minimum required. At the end of a semester, a student on academic probation whose cumulative GPA remains below the minimum on the GPA requirements scale will be continued on academic probation provided the student's term GPA for the semester just completed meets the minimum GPA requirement.

Academic Suspension

A student on academic probation whose cumulative GPA remains below the minimum required and who does not qualify for an additional term of academic probation will be placed on academic suspension for one year. Occasionally, a student may be suspended directly from good standing for extremely poor performance (for example, a term GPA below 1.0).

A student notified of academic suspension will be provided an opportunity to appeal. In the case of an international student on a student visa, the suspension will not go into full effect until the deadline for the appeal has passed. If no appeal is received by the stated deadline or if the appeal is not approved, the SEVIS principal designated school official (PDSO) will then assist the student in making travel arrangements. Once the arrangements have been secured, the PDSO will notify the dean of academics and the registrar. The student will then have 24 hours to

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leave campus and the PDSO will change the student's status in SEVIS according to immigration timelines.

A student may appeal an academic suspension in writing to the academic dean. Appeals are rarely granted, but may be considered in cases where there were extreme circumstances outside the student's control that interfered with successful academic work. Appeals must be submitted no later than two weeks before the beginning of the following semester.

Any student who has been withdrawn from Principia College for two semesters or more for any reason must re-apply through the Office of Admissions. A student on academic suspension becomes eligible to re-apply to Principia upon completion of a full year of satisfactory coursework at another accredited college or a full year of combined academic work and employment (including at least 9 semester hours of college-level work).

Upon re-admittance after suspension, a student will return as a conditional admit. See About Academics (<http://catalog.principiacollege.edu/general-information/about-academics/>). The student will be in good standing for the returning semester. At the end of that semester, academic standing will be set according to the normal rules for academic standing.