

Academic Resources Packet for Suspended Students

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Advice and Support for Suspended Students

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What is Academic Suspension?

Like all colleges and universities, Stony Brook has minimum standards (2.0 cumulative average) that students must achieve in order to maintain their active student status.

When students on academic Probation fail to achieve a cumulative GPA of a 2.0 or higher after the Probation semester, they are Suspended.

All suspended students have earned cumulative GPA's below a 2.0 for at least 2 consecutive semesters.

What Happens When I Am Suspended?

Suspended students who earned a term GPA below a 2.0 during their probationary semester, are not allowed to return to Stony Brook until they can prove *at a later time* that they are ready and able to perform successful academic work.

Can I Ever Return to Stony Brook?

Yes.

But not now.

So What Can I Do Now if I Can't Come Back to Stony Brook?

- Register for classes at another college for the upcoming term. If possible, enroll in at least 12 credits and endeavor to earn at least a B (3.0) average. (Take courses that would count toward DEC or major credit.)
- Work on completing any Incomplete grades.
- Work (save money for future studies).
- When appropriate, take time off to recuperate from illness, and/or attend to personal and family issues.
- Take stock of your academic strengths and weaknesses and your future goals. Is your current major right for you? Do you have a major yet?
- Decide what kinds of courses you'd like to take back at Stony Brook in the future.

Recommended Strategies to Prepare for Future Academic Reinstatement

- If you attend another college while suspended from Stony Brook, secure a copy of your transcript showing the grades you earned there.
- If you worked, ask your boss for a recommendation or verification of employment letter.
- If you were ill and are now well, ask your doctor or counselor to write a letter explaining your illness and currently improved condition.
- Be ready to declare or change your major and explain how/why you've come to this decision.
- Using SOLAR, make a future academic plan; prepare a list of courses that you would register for upon your return to Stony Brook.

Strategies Continued...

Once you feel prepared to return to Stony Brook, you must make an appointment to meet with an academic advisor to discuss the reinstatement process in detail. (Depending on your individual circumstances, there may be other strategies an advisor might suggest.)

The best time to meet with an advisor to prepare for a possible Spring 2010 reinstatement would be late December 2009-early January 2010 (when your final Summer/Fall grades are posted on your transcript from the other school you attended).

How Can I Find a College that Will Accept Me if I am Suspended from Stony Brook?

Visit the Academic and Pre-Professional Advising website for a list of local schools that may accept our suspended students:

<http://www.stonybrook.edu/aadvising>

Click on the link for *Academic Standing*, and at the bottom of the next screen, click on the document entitled, *College Options for Suspended or Dismissed Students*.

(See also the link entitled *Advice for Suspended and Dismissed Students*.)

Common Questions

Question: Are all suspended students eventually reinstated?

Answer: No. But those who use the time while out on suspension wisely and prepare an organized and reasonable argument for reinstatement often are.

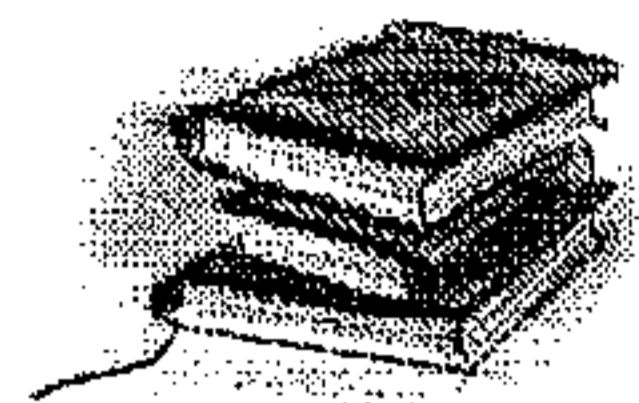
Question: Who makes reinstatement decisions?

Answer: The Executive Hearing Officer of the Committee on Academic Standing and Appeals (CASA) or the CASA Committee itself. (The whole process is done in writing; students do not appear for a formal interview or hearing.)

Question: If I register for courses at another school for Summer and/or Fall, will the grades I earn help my GPA at Stony Brook?

Answer: No, because transfer credits do not factor into the Stony Brook GPA. However, a strong academic performance at another school will help you to prove that you are prepared to return to Stony Brook and be academically successful.

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Academic Standing Fact Sheet



As Academic Advisors, we are committed to helping you achieve academic success at Stony Brook University. In order to be in good academic standing at Stony Brook University, you must earn a cumulative GPA of a 2.0 or higher. The University has created various levels of Academic Standing to help you monitor your academic progress.

Please refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin online for full details regarding all levels of academic standing at: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/ugbulletin>

- **First Semester Warning:**
First semester students whose GPA is below 2.0
- **Notice:**
Continuing students in good academic standing whose **semester** GPA falls below 2.0 for one semester
- **Warning:**
Continuing students in good academic standing whose **semester** GPA falls below 2.0 for two *consecutive* semesters
- **Probation:**
Continuing students whose **cumulative** GPA falls below a 2.0
- **Suspension:**
Students on probation whose cumulative GPA remains below 2.0 will be suspended. Under certain circumstances suspended students may petition for academic reinstatement. If reinstated, students are normally given two semesters to achieve a cumulative GPA above a 2.0.
- **First Reinstatement:**
The first semester a student is reinstated after suspension
- **Second Reinstatement:**
Students whose cumulative GPA is below a 2.0 after their first semester of reinstatement
- **Dismissal:**
Students whose GPA remains below a 2.0 after their second semester of reinstatement will be dismissed from the university.

Academic Remarks on Your Transcript and What They Mean:

Q	<i>Academic Dishonesty</i>	Student who has been charged with academic dishonesty; must take Q course to have it removed; factors in as "F" into GPA.
I	<i>Incomplete</i>	The Incomplete notation is at the discretion of the instructor. Student must communicate with instructor to complete coursework; otherwise, grade becomes "I/F" and factors in as "F" into GPA.
W	<i>Withdrawal</i>	Student withdrew from course by 9 th week of the semester; student does not receive credit for course and no grade is factored into GPA.
**	<i>No grade reported</i>	No grade has been reported; student should contact faculty member.
U	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>	(in courses such as MAP 103, WRT 101/102, FYS 101, CHE 130); student does not receive credit for the course but no grade is factored into GPA.
S	<i>Satisfactory</i>	(in courses such as FYS 101, CHE 130); student receives credit for class but no grade is factored into GPA.
P	<i>Pass</i>	Student selected P/NC option by the 9 th week in the semester; student earned a "D" or better in the course; student receives credit for the course but no grade is factored into GPA and no DEC credit earned; in most cases no major/minor credit earned.
NC	<i>No Credit</i>	Student selected P/NC option by the 9 th week in the semester; student earned an "F" in the course; student does not receive credit for the course but no grade is factored into GPA.
NR	<i>No Record</i>	Faculty members report "NR" if a student is listed on their roster but has no record of that student ever attending class; an "NR" becomes an "N/F" and is factored into the GPA as an "F".

COLLEGE OPTIONS FOR SUSPENDED OR DISMISSED STUDENTS

General information for students applying to other colleges:

- Please contact the Admissions Office at the college of your choice to obtain the appropriate application.
- In addition to the appropriate application and the application fee, be prepared to provide the college(s) with official college and high school transcripts in sealed envelopes, SAT scores, AP scores and immunization records. In some cases, students may be required to provide a detailed letter stating an explanation for the low GPA that resulted in the academic suspension or dismissal. Some colleges may also require an interview and/or essay; be sure to make inquiries regarding additional application requirements.
- Apply as early as possible or by the deadline specified by your choice of school. Some colleges may accept applications up to the start of classes, but you may be limited in course selection.
- After deciding which school you will be attending and what courses you will be taking, please see the Transfer Office, Room 134 Administration Bldg., (631) 632-7028, for information about which DEC requirements may be satisfied through the courses you take at other colleges.

OTHER LOCAL COLLEGES

The list below is not necessarily an exhaustive one. Students may inquire with other schools of interest on a case by case basis. None of these colleges are obligated to accept suspended or dismissed students from Stony Brook.

<p>Suffolk Community College Central Admissions 533 College Road Selden, NY 11784-2899 www.sunysuffolk.edu 631-451-4222</p> <p>Ammerman Campus (Selden) 631-451-4222</p> <p>Western Campus (Brentwood) 631-851-6520</p> <p>Eastern Campus (Riverhead) 631-548-2500</p>	<p>Nassau Community College One Education Drive Garden City, NY 11530 www.sunynassau.edu</p>
<p>Kingsborough Community College 2001 Oriental Boulevard Brooklyn, NY 11235 718-368-4600 www.kbcc.cuny.edu Email: info@kbcc.edu</p> <p>Mr. Brian Mitra is the Director of the New Start Program.</p>	<p>Westchester Community College 75 Grasslands Road Valhalla, NY 10595-1693 914-785-6735 www.sunywcc.edu</p>
<p>St. Joseph 's College Patchogue Campus 155 West Roe Boulevard Patchogue, NY 11772 631-447-3219 www.sjc.edu</p>	<p>College of Staten Island 2800 Victory Boulevard Staten Island, NY 10314 718-982-2012 www.csi.cuny.edu</p>
<p>York College 94-20 Guy Brewer Boulevard Jamaica , NY 11451 718-262-2000 www.york.cuny.edu</p>	

Alternative Programs with Online Study Options

Excelsior College
Empire College
SUNY Learning Network

<https://www.excelsior.edu>
<http://www.esc.edu>
<http://sin.suny.edu>