

# ACADEMIC STANDARDS

## Academic Standing Policy

The Blackhawk Technical College Academic Standing Policy defines the requirements you must meet to maintain good academic standing if you have enrolled in an associate degree and/or technical degree program AND have registered in three or more college credits during the fall and/or spring semesters. Blackhawk requires students to earn and uphold a minimum cumulative grad point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale to remain in Good Academic Standing. This policy also establishes a formal process to identify, notify and provide assistance if you fall below Academic Standards requirements.

The following actions are determined only at the end of the Fall or Spring semester. The three factors used to determine the student's academic standing are: the student's standing at the beginning of the semester, the student's semester GPA, and the student's cumulative GPA.

- a. When a student is in Good Academic Standing at the beginning of the semester:
  - i. A semester GPA of 1.999 or below and a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better will result in Continuation of Good Academic Standing.
  - ii. A semester GPA of 1.999 or below and a cumulative GPA of 1.999 or below will result in a status of Academic Warning.
- b. When a student is on Academic Warning at the beginning of the semester:
  - i. A semester and cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better will result in a return to Good Academic Standing.
  - ii. A semester GPA of 2.0 or better but less than a 2.0 cumulative GPA will result in continuation on Academic Warning.
  - iii. A semester GPA of 1.999 or below will result in Academic Probation.
- c. When a student is on Academic Probation at the beginning of the semester:
  - i. A semester and cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better will result in a return to Good Academic Standing.
  - ii. A semester GPA of 2.0 or better but less than a 2.0 cumulative GPA will result in continuation on Academic Probation.
  - iii. A semester GPA of 1.999 or below will result in Academic Dismissal.
- d. When a student who has been on Academic Dismissal for a year comes back at the beginning of the semester on Final Academic Probation:
  - i. A semester and cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better will result in a return to Good Academic Standing.
  - ii. A semester GPA of 2.0 or better but less than a 2.0 cumulative GPA will result in continuation on Final Academic Probation.
  - iii. A semester GPA of 1.999 or below will result in Academic Dismissal for at least another year.

## Academic Dismissal

Blackhawk Technical College will place a registration hold on your account, which prevents you from registering for classes. If you are registered for the upcoming term, your classes will be dropped.

If placed on academic dismissal, you will be notified in writing from Registration and Records and provided information about the appeal process. If you are academically dismissed from Blackhawk, you may not re-enroll in credit classes for one academic year.

## Re-enrollment After Academic Dismissal

If you are dismissed and wish to re-enroll after one year, you must apply for admission (or readmission) to a program. Prior to re-acceptance, you will be asked to complete an Academic Recovery Plan and write a re-enrollment support letter before meeting with your assigned academic advisor.

Upon re-acceptance, you will be placed on academic probation and may need to follow guidelines or meet expectations set up with your academic advisor.

## Academic Recovery Plan and Re-Enrollment Letter

An Academic Recovery Plan is a short form that will help you identify factors that contributed to your lack of academic success and start to identify methods that may help you find greater success in your next attempt.

Following the completion of the Academic Recovery Plan, please write a letter addressed to your academic advisor that highlights:

- What you have identified to be the barriers to your academic success that currently remain in your life.
- The steps you plan to take to remedy these recognized impediments.
- Resources and services you think would help you to maintain the Academic Standards requirements.
- What your goals are for the upcoming semester (i.e. 6 credits, GPA of 2.75, etc.) and overall at Blackhawk.

This letter will be an important part of your meeting with your academic advisor. Please spend adequate time and consideration in the development of your letter.

Please note: re-enrollment does not guarantee reinstatement of financial aid, if applicable.

You must complete your re-application by the deadline listed below to be considered for re-enrollment in the listed semesters.

Deadline for Reapplication:

- April 1: for summer semester re-enrollment
- July 1: for fall semester re-enrollment
- December 1: for spring semester re-enrollment