

Academic Success Plan for Students on Probation

Responding to Probation

Probation is a warning that you are not meeting the University success minimums. It represents a time to examine your approach to your academic life and make changes to improve your success.

Avoiding Dismissal and Returning to Good Standing

Students on Academic Probation can avoid academic dismissal by earning a 2.00 or higher term GPA, and can return to Good Standing by achieving a 2.00 Term GPA **AND** Cumulative GPA.

Required Meetings and Actions

- You are required to meet with an **academic coach** in the [Student Success Center](#) to determine the grades necessary to reach Good Standing, and to plan strategies for reaching those grade levels. Please see the email from the SSC regarding deadlines for this required meeting.
- You are also required to meet with your **academic advisor** in your college for a probation advising appointment. Look for an email from your college and follow those directions.

Academic Success Strategies: AIM

A = Attend all classes.

Grades are directly tied to attendance. By missing class you miss:

- crucial content information, and amplification of the assigned readings
- clarification of instructions for assignments and upcoming tests
- info emphasized by instructor's body language, voice inflection, and board writing

These factors cannot be captured in someone else's notes. Only *you* can get them *in class*!

When present, it's also important to be *fully* present, alert, focusing on the material, shelving all inner and outer distractions.

I = Invest in your commitment.

Succeeding at UT requires intentional, wholehearted effort. View your academic work as your identity ("I am a University of Tennessee student") rather than merely part of your to-do list.

M = Manage your time, relationships, and resources.

Propel yourself toward better *time management* by

- setting specific goals for each of your courses
- structuring your time (History and Chemistry from 7:00 to 9:00 every Tuesday night)
- develop effective *coping skills* in the face of adversity, not by withdrawing and facing your battles alone, but by reaching out to an [SSC Academic Coach](#) for help.

