

# DEVELOPING YOUR GAME PLAN FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

## Understanding Academic Probation

Probation is a warning that you have not met the requirements for Satisfactory Academic Progress required by UTK. It's a time to examine your approach to your academic performance 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 encouraged to meet with an **academic coach** in the [Academic Success Center](#) to determine the grades necessary to reach good standing, and to create strategies for reaching those grade levels by using your strengths.
- 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 STRENGTHS**

Becoming aware of your strengths builds confidence and provides a key to high achievement and success in your academic career at UTK. As you develop and apply strengths, your achievements will increase and you will experience greater successes.

### **M = Manage your time and resources.**

Propel yourself toward better *time management* by

- setting specific goals for each of your courses
- prioritizing assignments and tasks in order by due dates
- developing effective *coping skills* in the face of adversity, not by withdrawing and facing your battles alone, but by reaching out to an [ASC Academic Coach](#) for support.