

Probation & Dismissal

You must maintain a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.00 or better.

1) If your cumulative G.P.A. falls below 2.00, you will go on probation. If, however, you have been on probation previously, you will be academically dismissed.

2) While on probation, you must raise your G.P.A. to a 2.00 or better. If you do not raise your G.P.A. sufficiently, you will be academically dismissed. You must also comply with any conditions imposed by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, including exam reviews, participation in the Academic Support Program, and other terms designed to ensure satisfactory completion of probation.

3) If dismissed, you may petition for re-entry or apply for re-admission as explained below.

4) Your probation status depends on when during law school your G.P.A. falls below a 2.00:

- ◆ If, at the end of the Fall semester of 1L, your cumulative G.P.A. falls below 2.00, you will go on probation for the Spring semester.

Note: If you begin law school during the Summer 1L program, the first calculation of cumulative G.P.A. for purposes of Probation and Dismissal occurs at the end of the Fall semester.

- If, at the end of the Spring semester, you raise your cumulative G.P.A. to a 2.00 or better, you come off probation and must maintain a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.00 until you graduate.
- If, at the end of the Spring semester, you do not raise your cumulative G.P.A. to a 2.00 or better, but do raise your cumulative G.P.A. sufficiently that an additional full semester with the same semester G.P.A. would bring your cumulative G.P.A. to a 2.00 or better, you may continue on probation for the upcoming Fall semester.

Note: If you receive this extended probationary term, you may enroll in Intersession and Summer classes in advance of the Fall semester. The next calculation of cumulative G.P.A. for purposes of Probation and Dismissal occurs at the end of the Fall semester.
- If, at the end of the Spring semester, you do not raise your cumulative G.P.A. sufficiently to satisfy either of the foregoing conditions, you will be academically dismissed.
- ◆ If, at the end of any Fall or Spring semester after Fall of 1L, your cumulative G.P.A. falls below 2.00, you will go on probation for the next upcoming Fall or Spring semester.

Note: You may enroll in Intersession and Summer classes in advance of that upcoming semester. The next calculation of cumulative G.P.A. for purposes of Probation and Dismissal occurs at the end of that upcoming Fall or Spring semester.

- If, at the end of that upcoming Fall or Spring semester, you raise your cumulative G.P.A. to a 2.00 or better, you come off probation and must maintain a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.00 until you graduate.
- If, during that upcoming Fall or Spring semester, you do not raise your cumulative G.P.A. to a 2.00 or better, you will be academically dismissed.

Petition for Re-Entry

If you are academically dismissed, you may petition for re-entry and request one additional probationary Fall or Spring semester.

1) To petition for re-entry, you must submit a written request and, if appropriate, supporting materials to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs within 14 days of your notice of academic dismissal.

2) In that petition you must demonstrate just cause for re-entry. To establish just cause, you must: (A) explain the circumstances that produced your unsatisfactory performance; (B) explain how those circumstances do not indicate either a lack of effort or lack of ability to complete law school; (C) explain the steps you have taken to remedy those circumstances, (or explain that those circumstances no longer exist and will not recur); (D) explain why the foregoing explanations establish a substantial likelihood that you will complete law school; and (E) explain, if applicable, the extent of your participation in the Academic Support Program while on probation.

3) You will receive a preliminary ruling on the petition as soon as feasible from the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, who will consult, as appropriate, with the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, the Director of Academic Support Programs, faculty, and other law school staff.

- ♦ The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will grant your petition upon a sufficient showing of just cause as explained above.

Note: You may enroll in Intersession and Summer classes in advance of the additional probationary semester.

- ♦ The Associate Dean may impose conditions as part of the decision to grant your petition.
- ♦ The Associate Dean may request additional information from you or others before ruling on the petition.

4) The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will circulate the preliminary ruling to the faculty. If four faculty members object to the ruling within five business days, the matter will go before a committee designated by the faculty which will issue a final decision as soon as feasible. If the faculty does not designate such a committee, the matter will go before the full faculty, either at a faculty meeting during the traditional academic year or during a specially called faculty meeting. The

committee, or the full faculty, may request additional information before deciding the matter and may impose conditions as part of a decision to grant a petition.

Application for Re-Admission

If you are academically dismissed, you may apply for Re-Admission as a first year student. Note: Re-Admission is granted infrequently.

1) To apply for re-admission, you must submit a standard application for admission to law school.

2) Along with that application, you must submit a statement that: (A) explains the circumstances that produced your academic dismissal; (B) explains the steps you have taken to remedy those circumstances, (or explain that those circumstances no longer exist and will not recur); (C) explains why the foregoing explanations establish a substantial likelihood that you will complete law school; and (4) explains, if applicable, the extent of your participation in the Academic Support Program before your academic dismissal.

3) The Admissions Committee will take your explanations into account in deciding on your application. Note: Re-Admission is granted infrequently.

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