

# Academic Standards

Students falling below the following standards will be designated as not meeting satisfactory academic progress. Failure to meet satisfactory progress will result in either Academic Probation or Academic Suspension.

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*Note: In this policy, 'consecutive' refers to the last three semesters for which the student has received grade(s), regardless of breaks in enrollment.*

**Academic Probation Definition:** A warning which indicates the student may not be on track to graduate because of poor academic performance.

**Academic Suspension Definition:** A hold on a student taking further courses as a matriculated student. A student may continue to take courses as a non-matriculated student. The student will receive written notification of Academic Suspension by electronic mail to their RVCC email account. A student may appeal suspension by following the process outlined in their notification letter. A suspended student may take courses at River Valley Community College as a non-matriculated student. Before re-applying for matriculation into a program of study, the student must successfully complete two three-credit courses with a "C" or better.

Financial aid may be in jeopardy if a student fails to achieve Satisfactory Academic Progress as defined by Federal Regulations.

Suspended students may continue to take courses at RVCC as a non-matriculated student. Before reapplying for matriculation into a program, the student must show evidence of having successfully completed two three-credit courses with a "C" or better. Financial aid may be in jeopardy if a student fails to achieve satisfactory academic progress as defined in this Academic Standards section.

Once un-matriculated a student will not be able to receive Financial Aid and may choose to drop their courses in SIS during the drop period of the semester academic suspension is initiated.

**College Dismissal Definition:** Students dismissed from the College are prevented from taking classes or applying to programs. College dismissal may result from academic or other breaches of the Student Code of Conduct.

**Academic Warning:** A student who is failing or in danger of failing a course may at any time be given an academic warning by the instructor.

## **Academic Appeal Procedure**

A student may appeal any decision regarding their academic status by filing a written appeal with the Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs within 7 work days of the date indicated on their emailed notification letter. The appeal must include student's name, address, program and the basis for the student's request and will be forwarded to the chair of the Academic Standing Committee for review.

The student will have an opportunity to present their case to the Academic Standing Committee, if desired. A written recommendation of the committee will be sent to the Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs who will send the student the final decision within 48 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) of the meeting of the Academic Standing Committee.

## **Academic Honors**

Academic honors are determined each semester (including summer when full time is 6 credits for the purposes of determining academic honors). Students with an incomplete grade are unable to receive academic honors until the incomplete grade is resolved.

**President's List**

A full-time, matriculated student in good standing with a Grade Point Average of at least 3.70 is entitled to honors on the President's List.

**Vice President's List**

A full-time, matriculated student in good standing earning a Grade Point Average of 3.0 to 3.69 is entitled to honors on the Vice President's List.

**Graduation Honors - College CGPA**

CGPA 3.20 - 3.59 = Cum Laude

CGPA 3.60 - 3.89 = Magna Cum Laude

CGPA 3.90 - 4.00 = Summa Cum Laude

Graduates earning a CGPA of 3.50 or higher are entitled to wear a gold tassel. Students who have not completed all graduation requirements at the time of graduation are not eligible for graduation honors, and will not be awarded the gold tassel.

**Academic Standing Committee**

The River Valley Community College Academic Standing Committee is charged to review the appeals of the academic status of matriculated students. The Committee reviews all appeals and may recommend any of the following actions to the Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs:

1. academic suspension
2. academic probation
3. academic warning
4. letter of encouragement
5. removal from academic suspension or academic probation