



St. Thomas
UNIVERSITY

Policy on Academic Standing

Academic Standing

The annual grade point average (GPA) of students determines their academic standing. There are four types of academic standing: good standing, academic probation, deferred dismissal and academic dismissal.

1. Good Academic Standing

In order to maintain good academic standing full-time students must earn a minimum annual GPA of 2.0 in each year of their programme. Part-time students must earn a minimum GPA of 2.0 on each block of 30 credit hours attempted.

2. Academic Probation

Academic probation follows upon notice of unsatisfactory academic performance and is a warning to the student that improvement is required in order to avoid academic dismissal. Students placed on academic probation shall have their participation in extracurricular university activities restricted in such a manner as the Registrar may determine. A student whose annual GPA falls below 2.0 but above 1.5 is placed on academic probation. A student who has been placed on academic probation and whose annual GPA in any subsequent year falls below 2.0 will be required to withdraw from the University.

3. Deferred Dismissal

Students will be placed in deferred dismissal standing under two circumstances:

- a. A student in good academic standing in the previous academic year whose current annual GPA is 1.0 through 1.5 inclusive
- b. A student on academic probation during the current academic year whose annual GPA is 1.8 or 1.9

Students must obtain a minimum GPA of at least 2.0, in the academic year of their deferred dismissal standing, in order to continue in good standing the next academic year.

4. Academic Dismissal

There are two circumstances in which students may be required to withdraw from the University because of unsatisfactory academic performance:

- a. A student whose annual GPA falls below 1.0 in any year will be required to withdraw from the University.
- b. A student who has been placed on academic probation and whose annual GPA in any subsequent year falls below 2.0 will be required to withdraw from the University.

A student who is required to withdraw from the University is eligible to apply for readmission subject to the regulations below.

5. Application for Readmission

Students required to withdraw from the University as a result of obtaining an annual GPA of less than 1.0 will be required to spend at least one year away from the University before being eligible to apply for readmission. Students who had been on academic probation and were required to withdraw from the University as a result of their annual GPA falling below 2.0 in a subsequent year, will normally be required to spend at least one year away from the University before being eligible to apply for readmission. Any student who has been required to withdraw a second time will normally be required to spend at least two years away from the University before being eligible to apply for readmission. Students who seek readmission after having been asked to withdraw must apply in writing to the Admissions Office. Such applications are subject to the guidelines of the Senate Admissions and Academic Standing Committee. In cases of readmission, special conditions for entry, course load and GPA performance may be required. Students who have been required to withdraw from the University will not be granted credit for any courses taken while required to be away from the University.