

L – Academic Standing, Probation, Disqualification, and Reinstatement

L-1. Academic Standing for Undergraduate Students. Students are considered to be in good academic standing when they have a semester and a UI cumulative grade-point average of 2.00 or higher.

L-2. Academic Probation for Undergraduates.

L-2-a. At the end of a semester, undergraduate students who do not attain a UI cumulative grade-point average of 2.00 are placed on academic probation for the next semester of enrollment and are referred to the appropriate academic dean for advising. The effect of this probationary status is to serve notice that if a student's cumulative record at the end of the next semester in residence is unsatisfactory he or she will be disqualified and ineligible to continue at UI.

L-2-b. Students on academic probation who attain a UI cumulative grade-point average of 2.00 or higher are automatically removed from probation.

L-2-c. Students on academic probation who attain a semester grade-point average of 2.00 or higher during the next or subsequent semester after being placed on probation, but whose cumulative grade-point average is still below 2.00 remain on academic probation.

L-2-d. Because final grades for a probationary term may not be available until after a student has registered for an ensuing term, such registration must be considered tentative until the student's academic standing may be determined. If the student is disqualified at the end of the probationary term, the registration for the ensuing term is invalid and will be cancelled unless the student is reinstated (see L-4).

L-3. Disqualification for Undergraduates.

L-3-a. Students on academic probation with less than 33 cumulative net credits will be disqualified if their semester grade-point average falls below a 2.00 and their UI cumulative grade-point average falls below a 1.80. Students in this group with a semester grade-point average below a 2.00 and a UI cumulative GPA between 1.80 and 1.99 will remain on probation.

L-3-b. Students on academic probation with 33 or more cumulative net credits will be disqualified at the end of a probationary semester if both their UI cumulative grade-point average and their semester grade-point average are below 2.00.

L-3-c. To reregister after being academically disqualified, students must be reinstated. (Students must contact their respective college, prior to the beginning of the semester, for the deadline to petition for reinstatement.)

L-3-d. Because final grades for a probationary term may not be available until after a student has registered for an ensuing term, such registration must be considered tentative until the student's academic standing may be determined. If the student is disqualified at the end of the probationary term, the registration for the ensuing term is invalid and will be cancelled unless the student is reinstated (see L-4).

L-4. Reinstatement for Undergraduates.

L-4-a. After a first disqualification, students may be reinstated (i.e., have their eligibility to continue restored) by petition to and favorable action by the college in which they are enrolled OR by remaining out of UI for at least one semester. Summer does not qualify for a semester lay-out period.

L-4-b. After a second disqualification, students may be reinstated at any time only by petition to and favorable action by the college in which they are enrolled.

L-4-c. Students disqualified for a third time may be reinstated only after successful petition to the college in which they are enrolled and the Academic Petitions Committee.

L-4-d. Students who have been reinstated may continue to register on probation so long as they attain a 2.00 or better grade-point average for each semester following a disqualification.

L-4-e. Students who are disqualified and reinstated are reinstated on academic probation.

L-5. Academic Warning for Undergraduates. Students not on probation who attain a grade-point average below 2.00 during a given semester without dropping below a UI cumulative grade-point average of 2.00 receive an academic warning. Although this does not affect their academic standing or their eligibility to register, the students are referred to the appropriate academic dean for advising.

L-6. Summer Session. Disqualification at the end of a spring semester does not affect a student's eligibility to continue in the immediately ensuing summer, but to register in any subsequent term the student must be reinstated.

L-7. Fresh Start. Qualified undergraduate students who wish to reenter the university in a specific degree program after a period of absence will be allowed a "Fresh Start" as described below.

L-7-a. To qualify for a Fresh Start, students (1) must not have been enrolled in any college or university as a full-time matriculated student for at least the five years immediately before applying for the program, (2) must have a UI cumulative GPA of less than 2.00, and (3) must be approved for the program by the college dean that administers the academic program they wish to pursue.

L-7-b. Once the student has completed an additional 24 credits of course work with a Fresh Start cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 and has been in the program at least two semesters, the cumulative GPA will be reset to 0.00 as of the time of admission to the Fresh Start Program.

L-7-c. Students in the Fresh Start Program will be allowed a maximum of six credits of "W" during the first two semesters after admission to the program. If the Fresh Start is successfully completed, the count for the 20-credit limit on withdrawals (see C-2) will be reset to 0 as of the time of admission to the Fresh Start Program.

L-7-d. University probation and disqualification regulations apply throughout the Fresh Start process.

L-7-e. To graduate with honors, a student in the Fresh Start Program must have at least 56 credits in UI courses after the Fresh Start (see K-1). Fresh Start Program participants are eligible for the dean's list (see K-2) on a semester-by-semester basis.

L-7-f. Application forms and explanatory materials are available at the Registrar's Office.

L-8. Regulation L does not apply to graduate or law students. See the College of Graduate Studies section of Part 4 for information on probation, disqualification, and reinstatement of graduate students. See the College of Law Announcement for information for law students.