

Academic Probation - The Next Step

Academic Probation - Defined

Students who have attempted at least three full credit equivalents and have a cumulative GPA of **less than 1.60** are placed on academic probation.

- You will clear probation, and be placed **In Good Standing**, when your cumulative GPA rises to 1.6 or above.
- Until this happens, if you have a **sessional** GPA (based only on the grades in courses taking during a single session) of less than 1.60, you will be suspended.
- If your sessional GPA is 1.6 or above, but your cumulative GPA remains below 1.60, **you will remain on Academic Probation**, but you are allowed to continue to take courses. In this case, your status is **Continued Probation**.

What Does Academic Probation Mean?

Academic Probation is a **warning** signal. It indicates that your performance was below the minimum standard set by the University of Toronto (UofT). ***It should signal to you that something needs to change.*** These changes may include:

- Changing your program of study
- Improving your study habits
- Reducing your course load
- Reducing the number of hours you work at your part-time job

When a student is placed on Academic Probation they may continue taking courses at the University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC) or any of the other UofT campuses.

Policies and Procedures Governing Students on Probation

Students placed on probation are required to take a course load that does not exceed 2.0 full credit equivalents per session.

- Upon notification of probation, students will be allowed to register in a maximum of 2.0 full credit equivalents (4 standard half credit (H) courses). The restriction will be lifted and you may take a regular course load once you have either cleared your probation or you are allowed to continue on probation (because you have achieved a sessional grade point average of at least 1.60). Please note: students who contravene this rule will be removed from ALL current and future session courses.
- While on probation, students must meet with **a university service provider** to discuss the reasons which led to the probation and to plan strategies to improve academic performance. (A list of appropriate service providers may be viewed on the Registrar's website at: www.utsc.utoronto.ca/registrar/current_students/probation.)

In addition to this tipsheet, please read the section in the *Calendar* on Overall Standing.

Special Consideration for International Students on Academic Probation or Suspension

- Consider the rules for off-campus work permit and return it if applicable, with a letter of explanation by mail to:
Citizenship and Immigration Canada
25 St. Clair Avenue East, Suite 200
Toronto, Ontario, M4T 1M2
Canada
- Understand the consequences of Citizenship and Immigration Canada if placed on "Academic Suspension."
- Understand the consequences to the University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP) if placed on "Academic Suspension."

Please contact the *International Student Centre (ISC)* at 416-287-7518 or isc@utsc.utoronto.ca for further advice on immigration policies.

Use the following “Check-List” as a guide (Check all that apply)

- I have personal/health related issues that are impacting my academic success.**
Consider speaking with one of the Physicians or Personal Counsellors located at the *Health & Wellness Centre* in the Student Centre, (Room SL270), website: www.utsc.utoronto.ca/wellness.
- I have financial concerns that are impacting my academic success.**
Consider speaking with one of the Financial Aid Advisors located in the **Registrar’s Office**, (Room AA142), Arts & Administration Building), website: www.utsc.utoronto.ca/registrar/financial_aid/about_us.
- I need a job to assist with paying for the cost of university and I don’t know where to look.**
Register with *Career Centre (CC) Online*. This will provide you with access to hundreds of employment opportunities – ranging from part-time and summer to full-time and volunteer positions. Meet with a Career Counsellor to discuss strategies and resources.
- I’m not sure how to calculate my GPA. I don’t know what marks I require to raise my GPA.**
Use the *How to Calculate Your GPA* tipsheet or our *GPA Calculator* worksheet available on the Academic Advising & Career Centre (AA&CC) homepage
<http://webapps.utsc.utoronto.ca/aaccweb/index.php/academicplanning/academic-standing/gpa-calculator>.
- I don’t know what my professors are looking for when they evaluate my work.**
Talk to your professors and/or your TAs to find out what is expected of you.
- I never have enough time to get my work done.**
Attend the *Extreme Time Management* workshop or read the tipsheet. Consult with a Study Skills Peer Counsellor.
- I want to improve my study habits.**
Attend the *Study Smarter, Not Harder* seminar. Consult with a Study Skills Peer Counsellor.
- I don’t perform well on Multiple Choice Exams.**
Attend the *Mastering Multiple Choice Tests & Exams* seminar or read the tipsheet by the same name.
- I don’t feel very prepared when it comes to exams.**
Attend the *Exam Preparation* workshop or read the tipsheet by the same name. Consult with a Study Skills Peer Counsellor.
- I don’t know how to set priorities for next term and develop a solid academic plan.** Review the *Goal Setting* tipsheet.
- I don’t know what career opportunities are available to me. I don’t know what subject(s) to study to become a ...**
Complete our *On-line Self-Assessment (as one of the first steps in Career Planning)*. This assessment may be found on the AA&CC website. Use this as a means of assessing your interests, skills, personal qualities and values. Once you have completed it, make an appointment with one of our Career Counsellors. The Career Counsellor will work with you to identify potential career options.
- I think I may have a learning disability but I’m not sure.**
Consider speaking with *AccessAbility Services* (Room S302) about special accommodations that may be made for you. Visit their website at www.utsc.utoronto.ca/ability.
- I’m still feeling very overwhelmed and confused about selecting my courses and subject post.**
Make an appointment with an Academic Advisor to discuss your academic plans.