Undergraduate Academic Standing, Probation, Suspension & Restart

Arkansas State University

The following policies govern **academic standing for undergraduate students** at Arkansas State University. All academic status determinations are based **only on A-State institutional coursework**. **Transfer coursework is not included** in institutional GPA calculations.

All official notices regarding **probation and suspension** will be sent to your **A-State email account (pack.astate.edu)**. Students are responsible for checking this email regularly.

Definitions of Academic Standing

Good Standing

A student is in **Good Standing** when **both** of the following are met:

- **Term GPA (current semester)** is **2.0 or higher**, **and**
- **Cumulative A-State GPA (Institutional GPA)** is **2.0 or higher**

Students in Good Standing may continue enrollment without restriction.

Academic Probation

A student is placed on **Academic Probation** when **either** of the following occurs:

- **Term GPA** is **below 2.0**, **or**
- **Cumulative A-State GPA** is **below 2.0**

Probation status will be **removed** at the end of any enrollment period (Fall, Spring, or Summer) when **both the term GPA and cumulative A-State GPA return to 2.0 or higher**.

Students placed on academic probation are **strongly encouraged** to meet with their academic advisor or contact the **University Advising Center at (870) 972-3001**.

First-time, first-year students placed on probation after their first semester may enroll in **College Choices**, a one-credit study skills course, by contacting the University Advising Center.

Academic Suspension

A student is placed on **Academic Suspension** when:

- **Both the term GPA and cumulative A-State GPA are below 2.0**,
- **AND** the student was on **academic probation in the previous term**

Suspension Period & Restart@State Program

Students placed on **first academic suspension** must either:

- **Enroll in and successfully complete the Restart@State Program**, **or**
- **Sit out one full calendar year** before seeking readmission

There is **no appeal process for a first academic suspension**.

Restart@State Program

The **Restart@State Program** is a **mandatory intervention program** for:

- Students placed on their **first academic suspension**
- Certain **transfer students admitted by appeal**

Program Requirements

- Students must complete the **Restart Application**
- The Restart Seminar is a **one-credit-hour course**
- Emphasis is placed on:
  - Self-responsibility
  - Proper decision-making
  - Study skills strategies

Eligibility Restrictions

Students are **NOT eligible** if:

- They are **not on first suspension**
- They have **previously attempted the Restart@State Program**

Degree Center & Online Students

Degree Center Students

- Must complete the **Restart Application**
- Must obtain the **advisor's signature**
- The University Advising Center assists with departmental signatures
- Students will complete an **online version of the course**
- Students meet with their **site coordinator**

A-State Online Students

- May seek **conditional immediate enrollment** through the **A-State Online Programs Director**
- Must complete the **Restart Application**
- Will complete:
  - Online workshop review
  - Online course assignments

Readmission After Suspension

First Suspension

- Must complete the **Restart@State Program**
- Students taking coursework elsewhere during suspension are **strongly advised** to consult their A-State advisor before enrolling

Second & Third Suspension

- Students are **not permitted to enroll at A-State for one full calendar year**
- After the suspension period, students must meet with the **University Advising Center before registering**

Fourth or Subsequent Suspension

- Students are **dismissed from the university**

- Return is permitted **only by appeal** to the **University Graduation and Academic Credit Appeals Committee**

Transferring Coursework While on Suspension

Students on **first, second, or third suspension** who complete coursework at another institution may have their coursework reviewed for acceptance upon return to A-State.

Dropping Classes & University Withdrawal

Before You Drop or Withdraw

Dropping individual courses or withdrawing from all courses may affect:

- Financial Aid
- University Housing
- Graduate School status
- International Student Services

Students should consult the appropriate department before making any changes.

Dropping or Withdrawing

- Students may drop or withdraw through their **Self-Service Account**
- Refer to the **Academic Calendar** for deadlines
- Tuition and fees may still apply
- Refund information is available through the **Treasurer's Office**
- For assistance, contact the **University Advising Center at (870) 972-3001**

A-State Online Withdrawal

Students enrolled through A-State Online must contact:

- **onlineregistration@astate.edu**
- Phone: **(870) 972-2920**

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