ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Policy Statement

An undergraduate student will be allowed to continue in the university as long as the cumulative grade point average (GPA) is maintained at a certain level.

Reason for Policy/Purpose

This policy is required for the effective communication of university policy regarding academic standards.

Who Needs to Know This Policy

All members of The University of Southern Mississippi community.

Website Address for this Policy

www.usm.edu/institutional-policies/policy-stua-reg-003

Definitions

Policy/Procedures

An undergraduate student will be allowed to continue in the university as long as the cumulative grade point average (GPA) indicated in the following scale is maintained. A higher minimum allowable GPA is sometimes specified by specific colleges within the university. In such cases, the more stringent requirements supersede those that follow. Total Hours Attempted Minimum Cumulative GPA Required (Including transfer credit) (Southern Miss work only)

- 0 - 14 1.50
- 15 - 29 1.75
o 30 and above 2.00

Total hours attempted will include credit taken at the university and approved transfer credits. Courses in which a student received grades of I, E or P will not earn quality points that contribute to the Southern Miss GPA. The university expects all students, regardless of whether they are enrolled part time or full-time, to meet certain academic standards. Students must assume personal responsibility for their own intellectual growth and personal development and should take advantage of the opportunities for academic support that the university provides. If a student fails to maintain the quality of work necessary to make reasonable progress toward graduation, then the student will be placed on academic probation or suspension. The purpose of this policy is to help students re-establish an acceptable level of academic performance.

Review

The Academic Council is responsible for the review of this policy every four years (or whenever circumstances require immediate review).

Forms/Instructions

N/A

Appendices

N/A

Related Information

N/A

History

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Authorization

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As the Responsible Officer, I have reviewed this policy and believe it represents the current policy.

[Signature]

Responsible Officer

3-5-2013

Date