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Whatcom Community College (WCC) is committed to facilitating student academic success and completion of degrees and certificates. The purpose of the Academic Progress Policy is to define standards for academic progress at WCC. The following academic progress standings are intended to inform students of the College's expectations in time to take any necessary action toward attaining their academic goals.

Only WCC grade point averages are utilized to assess a student's academic standing. At WCC, W, S, U, N, and I grades do not impact grade point averages and thus do not impact a student's academic standing. Academic performance at other institutions does not affect a student's academic standing at WCC.

Academic Good Standing

Students with a quarterly and cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 or higher.

Academic Concern

- a. Students with a quarterly GPA below 2.00 and a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher, or
- b. Students after their first quarter at WCC with a quarterly GPA below 2.00.

Students return to academic good standing when they achieve both a quarterly and cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher.

Academic Probation

- a. Students with a quarterly and cumulative GPA below 2.00 after two quarters or more of enrollment, or
- b. Students with a quarterly GPA of 2.00 or higher and cumulative GPA below 2.00 in the quarter(s) subsequent to academic probation standing.

Students return to academic good standing when they achieve both a quarterly and cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher.

Academic Suspension

Students with a quarterly GPA below 2.00 in a quarter subsequent to being on academic probation or reinstated academic probation.

Students with academic suspension standing are not eligible for enrollment at WCC.

Reinstated Academic Probation

- a. Students with previous academic suspension standing and an approved application for academic reinstatement, or
- b. Students with previous academic suspension standing who have been absent from WCC for at least 2 quarters (including summer), or
- c. Students with a quarterly GPA of 2.00 or higher and cumulative GPA below 2.00 in the quarter(s) subsequent to reinstated academic probation standing.

Students return to academic good standing when they achieve both a quarterly and cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher.

Applying for Academic Reinstatement

Students with academic suspension standing may submit an application for academic reinstatement following an absence of at least 2 quarters (including summer) from WCC. Students with academic suspension standing may submit an application for immediate academic reinstatement if extenuating circumstances affected their success.