

# I AM ON ACADEMIC PROBATION NOW -WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

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## What is Academic Probation?



- Not making the academic progress the institution requires for graduation
- A probationary period
  - A timely opportunity to assess your academic goals, choice of program, and study habits



# I failed my way to success. Thomas Edison

### **LET'S FIRST REVIEW SOME CONCEPTS**

#### SJSU Cumulative GPA (as shown on the transcript)

Includes all letter-graded work in 100-level or 200-level courses completed **subsequent** to enrollment in graduate school

# Candidacy GPA (as shown on the candidacy form)

Is the GPA for the degree program, that is, the courses that appear on of the candidacy form.

#### **Overall or All Cumulative GPA**

Includes SJSU Cumulative GPA calculation **and** the *approved transferred* PostBac Open University courses completed **prior** to enrollment in graduate school.

#### Term GPA

Is the GPA from averaging the grades after each semester.

Per University Policy <u>S16-16</u> (also in the <u>SJSU Catalog</u>):

On Probation = if at any time (following a Fall, Winter, Spring, or Summer term) your **SJSU cumulative GPA** falls below 3.0 (grade of "B" on a 4.0-point scale) in units attempted subsequent to matriculation in either conditionally classified or classified status

## **Academic Probation at the Graduate Level**

 Graduate students on probation remain on continued probation when the following term GPA is 3.0 or better, while the SJSU cumulative GPA remains below 3.0.

 The GPA among all of the courses that appear (count toward the degree) on the candidacy form, AKA candidacy GPA, must be a minimum of 3.0 for degree conferral.

# **Academic Probation at the Graduate Level**

• All upper-division (100 level) and graduate-level (200 level) courses will be used in the calculation of **SJSU cumulative GPA**.

• Courses **transferred** into the graduate program from other institutions or from the SJSU undergraduate career **will not count** in the cumulative GPA computation.

# **Academic Probation at the Graduate Level**

To avoid disqualification, at least **one** letter-graded course must be taken each Spring and Fall semester, while on probation. **Avoid disqualification** – graduate students on probation or continued probation will be academically disqualified if the term GPA for a Fall, Winter, Spring, or Summer term is below 3.0.

• Failure to Achieve a 3.0 Grade Point Average on Completed Graduate Degree Program:

Department may terminate the candidacy or permit completing additional courses in an attempt to raise the GPA in the program to the minimum 3.0 threshold

Elective courses may be added to the candidacy form for grade averaging if approved by the graduate advisor

Alternatively, courses can be repeated up to a limit of 9 units (per University Policy <u>F08-2</u>).



- Participation in CPT
- Eligibility for on-campus assistantships and jobs (by department)
  - Steps to graduation: approval of candidacy
    - and graduation application options
    - Eligibility for project/thesis
    - Potential **delay** in graduation
    - Probation advising hold (varies by dpt.)

#### **University Academic Probation**

#### Probation

#### **Continued Probation**

#### **Good Standing**

Academic warning or probation entered if SJSU Cum GPA / Cum GPA below 3.0 after academic standing posts Although the term GPA of the second semester is above 3.0, the SJSU cum GPA is still under 3.0. Good standing is reached when the SJSU cum GPA is at 3.0 or above.

Well done. Keep it up!



### **Important Considerations**

- Semester **unit load** —find balance
- Open **communication** with professors
  - Regular checks on your **academic progress**: grades, meeting course expectations, understanding content

Meet with your **academic advisor** 

What now? Visualize your goal. We are here to support you.

# Resources Professors Departmental Academic Advisors **ESSC** Advisors -available for drop-ins and appointments ESSC success workshops: time management, self-care, skills (ESSC <u>calendar;</u> ESSC blog in progress)





"When your life doesn't go as planned, change your perspective but do not stop dreaming."

KATE MAURICE

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## **THANKS!**

# Any questions?

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