

El Camino College has two types of probation: Academic Probation and Progress Probation. The purpose of probation is to encourage a student having academic difficulties to seek appropriate guidance and support in formulating and achieving goals.

1. Placement on Academic Probation

A student who has attempted at least 12 semester units of letter graded course work, as shown by the academic record, will be placed on Academic Probation when the grade point average for total units attempted at El Camino College is less than 2.0.

2. Removal from Academic Probation

A student will be removed from Academic Probation when the cumulative grade point average is 2.0 or higher in total units attempted at El Camino College.

3. Placement on Progress Probation

A student who has enrolled in 12 or more semester units as shown by the official academic record will be placed on Progress Probation if entries of “W,” “I,” “NC” and/or “NP” account for 50% or more of the total units attempted. Courses dropped prior to the “No Notation” deadline are not considered “units attempted” and do not receive entries as “W” “I,” or “NC/NP.”

4. Removal from Progress Probation

A student will be removed from Progress Probation when the percentage of entries of “W,” “I,” “NC” and/or “NP” drops below 50% of the total units attempted.

5. Dismissal Because of Academic Probation

A student on Academic Probation will be dismissed if the student earned a cumulative grade point average of less than 2.0 in all letter graded credit units attempted in each of three consecutive semesters. However, if a student achieves a 2.0 or higher during the most recent regular (fall, spring) semester while on probation, the student will continue on probation, but will not be subject to dismissal. Terms shorter than 16 weeks (i.e. winter, summer) will not be considered a semester. A semester in which the student does not take any courses will not be counted as a semester.

6. Dismissal Because of Progress Probation

A student on Progress Probation will be dismissed if the percentage of units in which the student has been enrolled for which entries of “W,” “I,” “NC and/or “NP” remains at or above 50% for three consecutive semesters. However, if a student

completes 50% or more of the attempted units during the most recent regular (fall, spring) semester while on probation, the student will continue on probation, but will not be subject to dismissal. Terms shorter than 16 weeks will not be considered a semester. A semester in which the student does not take any courses will not be counted as a semester.

7. Appeal of Probation or Dismissal

A student who believes that there are extenuating circumstances that warrant an exception to the probation and dismissal standards set forth in this policy may submit a written appeal with supporting documentation in compliance with administrative procedures. Dismissal may also be postponed if student can show significant improvement in the last semester.

8. Readmission Following Dismissal

A student who has been dismissed may return after sitting out at least one 16 week semester. A readmitted student will remain on probation until the cumulative average is above 2.0 and/or the percentage of “W,” “I,” “NC and/or NP” entries is below 50%.

Procedures for implementing the policy will be developed in collegial consultation with the Academic Senate.

References: Ed. Code Section 70902 (b) (3)
Title 5, Sections 55031, 55032, 55033, 55034
BP 4250 replaces the relevant portions of BP 4220.

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