

Financial Aid and Academic Standing

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Academic
Policy

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- Academic Standing
- Federal Financial Aid
- Institutional (WPI) Financial Aid

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Academic Standing Policies

Sarah Miles

University Registrar

Undergraduate Academic Standing Policy

- To maintain satisfactory progress, students must pass 4/3 units (12 credits) each *semester*, excluding PE and ROTC courses.
- Students who do not meet this minimum go down one level – warning, probation, then ultimately suspension, each semester they fail to meet it.
 - First year students in their first semester who pass nothing suspend.
 - Continuing students who pass nothing in a semester go down two levels.
- A student on a standing who meets the minimum in the next semester climbs back up the ladder in the same order (e.g. someone on probation would move up to warning).
- Students can also improve over the summer if:
 - At the end of the summer, they have completed 10/3 (30 credits) from A through E terms.
 - Or, they have completed 6/3 (18 credits) over A – D terms, they complete the Academic Success course run by Academic Advising, and pass an additional 2/3 (6 credits) in E term.
- Suspended students must petition CAO to return before taking any further course/project work at WPI.

Financial Aid

Jessica Sabourin

Director of Student Aid & Financial Literacy

Institutional (WPI) financial aid

Full load:

36 credits / year
(= 12 courses / year)

Issue:

WPI financial aid rules are
“stricter” than academic
standing policies

Credits Passed	WPI aid cut, %	
36	0	
33	0	Satisfactory
30	0	Academic
27	10	Progress
24	15	
21	20	
18	25	
15	30	
12	35	
9	40	
6	45	
3	50	

Resolution

- Working to align financial aid with academic standing by May 2022
- Appeals process available to students.