Financial Aid and Academic Standing

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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 \textit{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

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Satisfactory Academic Progress
Resolution

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