University of Akron College of Engineering
Academic discipline (probation, suspension, and dismissal) policy
Fall 2018

Engineering students are subject to University probation and dismissal policies. A student’s UA academic standing is evaluated at the end of each term in which the student is enrolled in classes. Evaluation is based on the cumulative GPA (cGPA), according to the following diagram:

A student in good academic standing is moved onto UA probation when the end-of-term cGPA is below 2.0. A student already on probation is evaluated for dismissal from UA if the next end-of-term cGPA is also below 2.0. Engineering students who are dismissed from UA are encouraged to consult the College of Engineering’s Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies about their options.

In addition to UA probation and dismissal policies, engineering probation, suspension, and dismissal policies apply to engineering students. A student can simultaneously be on both UA probation (which is recorded on the transcript) and engineering probation (which is not); either can result in dismissal. A student’s engineering academic standing is evaluated at the end of each Fall and Spring term. A student goes onto engineering probation when the term GPA (tGPA) is below 2.0. The student progresses through the levels of probation, and onto engineering suspension, one term at a time, when the tGPA is below 2.0 and/or the cGPA is below 2.0, according to the following diagram. The student may also progress regardless of GPA in other circumstances that indicate a lack of progress towards an engineering degree, such as failing a required course multiple times.

Engineering students on UA or engineering probation have an enrollment hold placed on their record that prevents schedule changes without an engineering academic advisor’s signature on the Approved Group of Courses form. Students on probation are expected to retake the classes needed for their degree as soon as possible, and before attempting more advanced classes. They are expected to consult their engineering academic advisor as soon as they are put on probation to adjust their schedules.

Engineering students on suspension are advised directly by the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies. They also have an enrollment hold, and work with the Associate Dean to define an individualized suspension contract that outlines the conditions necessary to avoid academic dismissal from engineering at the end of the following term. Generally, the suspension contract is expected to align with plans to transfer to a major other than engineering. The suspension contract lists specific classes to be taken and completed with grades of C+ or better. Students not meeting the conditions of the suspension contract are dismissed from engineering at the end of the following term.