



Academic Policy

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Policy Summary

The Electronic Code of Federal Regulations [8 CFR 214.2\(f\)\(5\)\(i\)](#) requires F1 Visa (International) students to make academic progress toward the completion of a certificate or degree through successful completion of program requirements. The purpose of this policy is to establish standards for “academic progress” for students with F1 status. The policy establishes the definitions of “normal progress” and “good academic standing” and sets forth the standards for student appeal of the policy.

Scope

F1 Visa (International) students

Policy Statement

Making normal progress toward the completion of a program of study is part of nonimmigrant status maintenance for F1 students. Good academic standing is necessary to progress towards the successful completion of a degree. At Jackson College, academic progress is made by the successful completion of required degree courses with a GPA of 2.0 or better.

The International office will monitor students’ academic progress and all coursework posted to JC transcript will be reviewed. This includes but is not limited to all courses attempted at JC; transfer credit; and credit attempted during concurrent enrollment with another institution.

To maintain **good academic standing** distinct criteria must be met which includes:

1. Students must maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA).
2. Students must pass a minimum of 67% of all coursework attempted. Courses withdrawn from prior to the end of the semester will not count toward this percentage. However, International students must maintain their requirements for “Full Course of



Study.” Withdrawal or dropping from a course prior to the end of a semester may result in termination of F1 status due to failure to enroll in full course of study.

Academic Warning

Students not meeting the requirements of this policy are placed on Academic Warning status for one semester. The student must achieve a minimum cumulative 2.0 grade point average and successfully complete 67% of all attempted credit hours the subsequent semester to be removed from Academic Warning status. International students will be required to meet with an international student advisor to discuss services for student success and may be required to participate in such services.

Academic Probation

A student on Academic Warning whose GPA in any term of the academic year is below 2.0 is placed on Academic Probation. If the student's GPA the following enrolled semester **and** the cumulative GPA are 2.0 or better, the student is removed from probation.

What it means for International students: International students are required to meet with a DSO in the International office to discuss the negative effect this may have on a student's F1 status. If an International student is on Academic Probation or Suspension, they are no longer eligible to extend the program end date on their I-20 as issued by Jackson College.

Academic Suspension for students on Academic Probation

A student on Academic Probation whose GPA for any term of the academic year is below 2.0 will be suspended and will not be permitted to register again without the consent of the Registrar and the International office.

What it means for International students: International students are required to meet with an International student advisor to discuss what options are available. At Jackson College's discretion, an academically suspended student may not be eligible to register again.

International students who wish to continue studies with Jackson College that are on Academic Suspension will need to do one of the following within 7 business days of final grade receipt:

Students may file an academic appeal if they feel they have earned a grade in error. The SEVIS record will remain open if an appeal is filed within 7 business days of grades being reported. Students should understand the risks of overstay if they are denied their appeal. An appeal denial will result in the SEVIS record being terminated and updated to reflect appropriate termination dates and status information.



Students may file a non-academic appeal due to extenuating circumstances. The appeal must be filed within 7 business days of grades being reported. If approved, students may be allowed to enroll for one additional semester in which they must maintain the academic standards listed above. If the student is unsuccessful in the subsequent semester after the granted appeal, a second non-academic appeal cannot be filed.

Additionally, students may transfer to a different school. The student must first be admitted to a different school and provide the International office a copy of the acceptance letter. The SEVIS record will remain active if the transfer is done within 7 business days of grades being reported.

Finally, students may withdraw from Jackson College and exit the U.S. within 14 days. The student's immigration record will be terminated with SEVIS.

Students who take no action will have their SEVIS record terminated and will be out of immigration status. Students who remain in the U.S. will be at risk for accruing days of unlawful presence. Students with questions and concerns are encouraged to contact an immigration attorney for appropriate advice.

Change Log:

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