Turning Academic Probation Into Academic Success

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What Sequence Of Events Led You To Be On Academic Probation?
What Are Some Common Thoughts People Have About Academic Probation?
What Do You Know About Academic Probation?
Standards For Academic Progress

- The Five Stages Of Academic Action
- MSU Academic Progress Program
- Academic Progress Program - Montclair State University
Know Where You Are
(To Know Where You Want To Go)

- What Is Your Cumulative Grade Point Average?
- How Many Credits Have You Attempted Versus Earned/Completed?
- The Impact of Academic Probation on Financial Aid
Calculating Your CGPA

- You will need to know (information found in Audit and Transcript)
  - What is your present cumulative GPA?
  - How many credits have you completed?

- Calculate only MSU credits (no transfer credits)
- Do not count courses in progress
- Do not count “0” courses in the calculation
- Consistently earning grades of “C” generally will not increase CGPA (unless replacing a lower grade as a repeat) – they merely serve to maintain it. Grades of F stay in the CGPA calculation until repeated with a higher grade
- From a mathematical standpoint, the more credits you have completed the harder it is to raise CGPA
- CGPA interactive calculator (one of many out there – make sure to use one that is based on the same grading standards as MSU - Grading Standards - Montclair State University) This is only a tool and should be used to approximate GPA calculation
  - The University of North Carolina at Greensboro: Students First Office - GPA Calculator
What Is The Cost Of Failing A Course/Courses?

- GPA
- Repeating Coursework
- Sequencing of Math and Science courses/curriculum
- Time to graduation
- Money
- Using up Financial Aid
- Other goals: Internships, Research Opportunities, Grad School, Teacher Cert., Study Abroad, RA application, etc...
So, What Do I Do?

Make Sure To:

- Meet all Probation Program Requirements
- Meet with your Academic Advisor
  - What scheduling concerns need to be addressed?
  - What specific academic hurdles are you encountering?
- Tutoring
- Counseling
- Meet with Faculty

Seek Out Campus Resources

- There is no faster way to bring up your CGPA than REPEATING courses
Understand ALL University Policies & Procedures

- Make sure you are aware of all important academic deadlines.

- Make sure you understand course withdrawal procedures and ramifications. Always consider the following:
  - Are there limits to how many classes you can WD from over the course of your academic career?
  - If you need to retake the class when is it scheduled next? What’s the likelihood that you can get in? Can you retake the course over the summer/at another school?
  - Is the class a prerequisite for another class you’ve planned to take the following semester? Will withdrawing impact your graduation plans?
  - Will WD affect your full time status – will this impact housing, financial aid, scholarships, etc.?
Semester Goals

- Organization – use your syllabi, calendars
- Time Management
- Assignments – complete, edited, on time
- **Attend Every Class**
- Put the time in: Sample questions, problem sets, reading assignments, study skills, note taking
- Tutoring
- Make deliberate choices that will improve your academic standing every day, every week – right through the end of the semester...
A Temporary Defeat

- Does Not Have To Be A Permanent One...

- Start today – put in the effort!

- Walk away from this semester being able to say... I gave myself the best opportunity to succeed!

“Excellence is not an act but a habit.”

~Aristotle
What Will You Do To Succeed This Semester?

Science and Math majors are good at problem-solving – apply these skills and utilize strategies that have yielded success in the past to propel yourself forward...
Resources...

- I’m happy to help you create an academic recovery and success plan please feel free to contact me:
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- Tools for Success - Montclair State University
- Tutorial Services - Montclair State University
- Counseling and Psychological Services - Montclair State University
- Academic Progress Program Resources - Montclair State University