ACADEMIC STATUS POLICY

Albany State University seeks to maintain quality degree programs that enable all students to graduate in a timely manner and to compete successfully in their chosen discipline. To ensure this high priority goal, the University requires its students to make reasonable academic progress. Albany State University requires a minimum grade point average of 2.00 (C average) for graduation, although some majors may require a higher average. If a student is to make and maintain satisfactory progress toward graduation, he must adhere to certain standards. Three primary factors affect a student’s academic status:

1. the cumulative grade point average (CGPA); 
2. the number of semester hours earned; 
3. and the number of semesters completed.

A student whose cumulative GPA falls below 2.00 exhibits academic deficiencies and appropriate action is required. Academic probation serves as the initial notice that the student’s performance is not currently meeting the minimum grade point average required for graduation. Probation is designed to achieve three goals:

1. to make clear to all concerned the inadequacy of a student’s performance; 
2. to provide occasion for necessary counseling; and 
3. to give students whose success is in doubt an additional opportunity to demonstrate performance.

The retention of students, who demonstrate, even with proactive academic advisement and other institutional support, a lack of ability, industry, maturity, and/or preparation, would be inconsistent with the mission and vision of Albany State University. Students with continuous unsatisfactory academic progress will be placed on academic suspension, and ultimately such unsatisfactory academic progress could lead to dismissal from the University. Suspension is imposed as a strong indication that the student being suspended should withdraw from the University, at least for a time (one or two semesters) to reassess the appropriateness of a college career, or to make necessary fundamental adjustments in attitudes, behavior, or other circumstances impeding satisfactory academic progress.