



TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

School of Communication

## THE SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION POLICIES

### ACADEMIC SUSPENSION

**Suspension:** Students on Academic Probation at the beginning of the semester are suspended if they fail to bring their cumulative GPA to 2.00 or higher by the end of the semester unless they earn a semester GPA of 2.25 or higher. Additionally, any student enrolled in nine or more credit hours and who earns an "F" in all classes will be suspended from the University.

- A. The first academic suspension is for a period of at least one long semester (fall or spring).
  - Students placed on academic suspension at the end of a fall semester are suspended for the following spring and are not eligible to re-enroll until the following summer.
  - Students placed on academic suspension at the end of a spring semester are suspended for the following fall and are not eligible to re-enroll until the following spring.
  - Students placed on academic suspension at the end of a summer session are suspended for the following fall and are not eligible to re-enroll until the following spring.
- B. Any suspension after the first one will be for a period of one year. At the end of the suspension period, students will need to apply for re-admission to the University provided they can show evidence of increased academic maturity as explained below.
- C. While being on suspension, the student must enroll in another institution of higher learning and show evidence of academic maturity at the end of the suspension period. Such evidence may be grades from courses taken at that institution. Military service and associated courses/training may also be used as evidence of maturity. The following are evidence of academic maturity based on the suspension period:
  - **Academic maturity evidence for one semester suspension:** Completion of 12 credit hours or more in courses that are not repeats of 2.5 or higher at the end of the enrollment period
  - **Academic maturity evidence for one year suspension:** Completion of 24 credit hours or more in courses that are not repeats of courses previously taken at TSU and a GPA of 2.5 or higher at the end of the enrollment period.

#### **Academic Suspension and Appeal:**

Faculty and staff are committed to helping students achieve their academic goals. Nevertheless, some students fail to maintain an adequate grade point average and are academically suspended. Students who believe that extenuating circumstances contributed to their suspension may appeal their case to the University's Committee on Suspension and Readmission. To appeal, students must explain those circumstances in a letter submitted to the committee immediately after receiving notification of suspension. (See also "Grade Appeal, Retention Standards, and Academic Probation" in the Undergraduate Catalog.)

### **Readmission from Academic Suspension:**

- A. Only the dean of the college or school may readmit students on academic suspension from Texas Southern University
- B. Readmission from academic suspension is neither automatic nor guaranteed. Students seeking readmission must submit the following to the dean of the college or school or school in which they wish to earn their degrees:
  - 1. A written petition justifying their readiness to resume their studies at the University.
  - 2. Transcript showing at least a 2.50 grade point average on all college work complete elsewhere while on academic from Texas Southern University.
  - 3. Transcript of all other completed college work.
  - 4. Students seeking to change their majors from the college from which they were suspended to another college must submit a “change of major” request along with a petition for readmission from academic suspension to the college of the intended major.

Colleges or schools may have additional policies and procedures pertaining to readmission from academic suspension; therefore, students seeking readmission should consult the appropriate college section in the catalog or request information from the office of the academic dean for specific college requirements.

When re-admitted, the student will enter the University with Probationary status. Another suspension at the end of the semester of re-admission may be avoided by achieving the minimum cumulative grade point average according to the above standards.

#### **NOTE:**

Each college or school may adopt its own set of “Academic Progression Standards” to address the particular academic needs of its students. These standards, however, may be higher than the standards of the University, as set out above, but they may not be lower. Please, see Assistant Dean Adams (MLK 239) for additional information.