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- **Part Time Students**

A student enrolled for fewer than 12 hours of resident credit in a regular semester or fewer than six hours of resident credit in a summer session, 2nd session, or 3rd session is classified as a part-time student.

A part-time student is subject to all university rules concerning registration, attendance, scholarship, and conduct.

Classification of Students (financial aid)

Note: for the purpose of determining financial aid awards, the following categories apply regardless of the semester or session for which the student is enrolled:

- a student enrolled for 1-5 hours of credit is classified as less than half-time;
- a student enrolled for 6-8 hours of credit is classified as half-time;
- a student enrolled for 9-11 hours of credit is classified as three-quarter time;
- a student enrolled for 12 or more hours of credit is classified as full-time.

Course Load

Maximum Course Load for Regular Semester:

- 21 semester hours for any combination of full semester and A-term, B-term, 2nd session, or 3rd session courses).

Maximum Course Load for Summer Session:

- 10 semester hours for full summer-session courses;
- 6 semester hours for A-term, B-term, 2nd session, or 3rd session summer courses;
- 12 semester hours for any combination of full session and A-term, B-term, 2nd session, or 3rd session summer courses.

Only in rare circumstances and with the permission of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs can these limits be exceeded.

Scholastic Requirements

The scholastic requirements presented in this section define the nature of satisfactory academic achievement and are designed to uphold the standards of the university. Students who fail to meet

these requirements will be subject to academic penalties. Some definitions of terms that are frequently used in this section are presented below:

Grade Point Average: the grade point average (GPA) is calculated by dividing the total number of quality points earned by the total number of GPA credit hours (hours for which A's, B's C's, D's, or F's-are earned) Quality points per hour are assigned to letter grades as follows:

- “A” = 4 quality points;
- “B” = 3 quality points;
- “C” = 2 quality points;
- “D” = 1 quality point;
- “F” = 0 quality points.

For all academic purposes, grade point averages shall be specified to four significant figures (three decimal places). No rounding occurs. Any grade point average cited to only one decimal place (as 2.0) shall be construed to mean, mathematically, a figure accurate to three decimal places (as 2.00).

Good Standing: Students are in good standing if they are eligible to continue or to enroll at the university, even while on scholastic probation.

Probation

1. Students who have 11 or fewer GPA credit hours of college work will be placed on scholastic probation if their overall grade point average is less than 1.5.
2. Students who have 12 to 24 GPA credit hours of college work will be placed on scholastic probation if their overall grade point average is at least 1.0 but less than 1.5.
3. Students who have 25 or more GPA credit hours of college work will be placed on scholastic probation if their overall grade point average is at least 1.0 but their number of quality points is 10 or more below what is required for a 2.0 (“C”).
4. Students can be placed on scholastic probation only on the basis of unsatisfactory grades made in college.
5. Once placed on probation, students will remain on probation for each enrollment period until they have earned a 2.0 cumulative average.
6. Students cannot be placed on scholastic probation on the basis of work taken during a summer term.

Suspension

1. Students who are *not* on scholastic probation and who have 12 or more GPA credit hours will be suspended from the university if their overall grade point average is below 1.0 (“D”).
2. A student who is already on scholastic probation and who earns less than a 2.0 grade point average in a given semester will be suspended.
3. Students cannot be suspended from the university on the basis of work taken during a summer term.
4. LSUA does not accept for credit toward a degree any credits that a student earns from another institution during the period in which he or she is in suspension status.

Readmission of Students on Suspension

The rules presented below indicate the circumstances in which students who have been suspended from the university can be considered for readmission:

1. A student who for the first time has been suspended from the university for academic reasons will not be permitted to enroll until the expiration of one full semester, unless the student is readmitted through the First Drop Program.

Students enrolled in the First Drop Program will participate in training designed to increase their ability to successfully complete their studies. Such students may register for at least three but no more than six hours of course work for credit.

If such students earn at least a “C” average (2.0) for their semester’s coursework, they will be allowed to continue in school. If, however, they earn less than a “C” average for their semester’s coursework, they will be suspended from the university for one calendar year.

Students who wish to re-enter the university through the First Drop Program must request permission from Student Support. The student’s transcript will carry a notation that indicates that the student was suspended but *conditionally readmitted on probation* based on his or her enrollment in the First Drop Program.

When students register early for an upcoming semester and are subsequently suspended for academic reasons, the classes for which they registered are automatically cancelled.

2. Students who more than once have been suspended from the university for academic reasons cannot enroll for at least one calendar year. After one calendar year has passed, they may apply for readmission. Readmission, however, may be delayed or denied at the discretion of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.
3. Students who have been suspended more than once may appeal for a waiver of the rule that prevents them from enrolling for at least one calendar year. Such appeals are rarely granted and only in the event of extenuating circumstances. For more information about filing an academic appeal, contact Admissions.
4. A student who has been suspended for academic reasons may during the suspension period and with the approval of the student’s department chair and the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs register to *audit* regular courses at LSUA or register for non-credit correspondence courses at LSUA.
5. Students readmitted to LSUA after being suspended for academic reasons will be on scholastic probation when they return and will remain on probation until their overall grade point average is at least 2.0. In order not to earn another suspension, such students must attain a 2.0 grade point average in each semester of their enrollment.

Readmission of Suspended Students for Summer Only

1. Students who are currently in suspension status at LSUA may apply to attend in the summer only through the Summer Only Drop Status (SODS) program. This program is not available to students who are in suspension status at other universities. To obtain SODS permission forms or information about other required re-entry documentation, contact Student Support at (318) 767-2604).
2. Students cannot be placed on probation or be suspended from the university on the basis of work taken during a summer term.
3. Work taken during the summer term can result in students being removed from scholastic probation or suspension.