Academic Standing, Probation, and Ineligibility

It is expected that students at Wilkes University will work to their full capacity and potential in all courses. Academic standing reflects progress toward degree completion and is determined according to minimum semester grade point averages achieved.

For the purposes of determining academic standing, freshmen are defined as students who have attempted up to 36 credits; freshmen must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 1.70 in order to be considered "in good standing" at the University. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 overall and a minimum grade point average in their major course work to be considered "in good standing" at the University. (Sophomores are defined as students who have completed 30 – 59 credits, juniors as students who have completed 60 – 89 credits, and seniors as students who have completed 90 credits or more.)

A student who fails to achieve the required minimum grade point average(s) will automatically be placed on academic probation or declared "academically ineligible." Academic probation serves as a warning to the student that he or she is not making satisfactory progress toward degree completion. Students placed on academic probation may, based upon the recommendation of the student's academic advisor and action by the Academic Standards Committee, be restricted in the number of credits that he or she may attempt in the following semester. The Academic Standards Committee may impose additional restrictions and requirements in individual cases, if it is determined that such restrictions and requirements are in the best interest of the student. These restrictions may affect the student’s participation in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities.

Students who remain on academic probation for two consecutive semesters are subject to declaration as "academically ineligible" to continue at the University. Students who are declared academically ineligible are not permitted to enroll in any course work at Wilkes for a period of one semester and must, following the semester of mandated leave, apply in writing to the Academic Standards Committee for readmission to the University. The application for readmission must include evidence of the student’s prospects for academic success in subsequent semesters. If readmission to the University is approved by the Academic Standards Committee, the student will be readmitted on a probationary basis.

A decision of the Academic Standards Committee may be appealed by the student at the designated meeting for appeals at the conclusion of the fall and spring semesters. Appeals must be presented to the Committee, either in person or by letter, at the appropriate appeals meeting, and should include good and sufficient reasons for the appeal.