Probation and Drop (Rules)

Probationary status is a warning that improved academic performance is required. If the probation GPA level assigned is not met in the following semester, the student is subject to drop rules. The minimum academic goal of any student should be to keep his or her GPA for any semester above 2.00.

A detailed description of the campus probation regulations appears in part 1, article 3-110 of the Student Code.

The rules are outlined here for convenience:

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In addition, students may be placed on probation if they do not meet Technical GPA Requirements.

Drop Rules

Students who do not satisfy the terms of their probation, or who meet other drop rules of the University, are subject to being dropped. The relevant portion of the Student Code states that a student is subject to drop action under any of the following conditions:

1. Failure to earn at least a GPA of 1.0 in any semester (not including summer session).
2. Failure to meet the assigned probation level if the cumulative GPA is below 2.0.
3. Failure to make satisfactory progress toward a degree.
4. Failure to meet departmental GPA requirements.

Drop rules may be waived in individual cases by the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs. This normally happens only when there is a good reason to believe that the student can be successful if he or she continues with classwork at the UIUC campus.

Advice – If you feel that you are in danger of being dropped, discuss your situation with an advisor in your major department before the end of the semester.

Students who have been dropped once by the College of Engineering can apply for readmission, usually after being away from the University for at least one year. Students who have been dropped twice may not apply for readmission.

Readmission after Drop Status or Withdrawal

If a student is dismissed from the University for academic reasons, that student is on “drop status.” It may be possible to make a case for readmission following being dropped, and students who have been dropped will receive an email message from the Undergrad Programs Office with details on this procedure. When a student has satisfied the steps to prepare for return to campus, he or she should send an email message to engineering@illinois.edu to request a Petition for Re-Entry.

A student who leaves the University during the course of any term is considered a “withdrawal.” The reasons for withdrawal may not have been academic but readiness to return is still a concern. Upon determining that the student is ready to return to campus, the student is asked to send an email message to engineering@illinois.edu to request a Petition for Re-Entry.
Return after a Leave of Absence

A student who leaves the University after completing a semester and before a new semester begins is considered on a “Leave of Absence.” If the leave of absence was approved by an advising dean in advance, the student needs only to submit only a Letter of Intent to Re-Enter form (available in 206 Engineering Hall, the Undergraduate Programs Office or request via email to engineering@illinois.edu). If the leave was not approved by a dean, then follow the procedure for “Readmission from Withdrawal” above. This notice should be submitted by the student approximately five months prior to the beginning of the semester in which the student plans to return.