

Academic and Progress Dismissal

- A. At the end of each semester, a student who is on "academic probation" after two consecutively enrolled semesters shall be subject to dismissal if the student earned a cumulative grade-point average of less than 2.0 in all units attempted at MiraCosta College. A student who is subject to dismissal shall not be dismissed as long as the student earns at least a 2.0 grade point average in their most recent semester.(Summer intersession is not considered a consecutive term or semester).
- B. A student who has been placed on "progress probation" shall be subject to dismissal if the percentage of units in which the student has been enrolled for which entries of "W"-withdrawal, "I"-incomplete, "NC"-no credit, or "NP"-no pass are recorded in at least two consecutive semesters reaches or exceeds fifty (50) percent. (Summer intersession is not considered a consecutive term or semester).
- C. For the purpose of dismissal, semesters shall be considered consecutive on the basis of the student's enrollment after the deadline to drop without a "W", so long as the break in the student's enrollment does not exceed one, full primary term. Dismissal is posted on the student's permanent record.

Notification of Dismissal

- A. The Admissions and Records Office shall make every reasonable effort to notify a student of academic and progress dismissal in a timely manner.
- B. Upon notification of dismissal, the student shall be directed to sit out for one regular semester and consult with a counselor to determine whether the reasons that led to the dismissal have been sufficiently corrected to enable improved performance. Information on support services and appeal procedures will be included in the notification.

Fall Dismissals: Special circumstances exist for dismissals after the fall semester due to the fact that students enroll prior to fall grades becoming available.

- A. A student who is enrolled in the subsequent spring semester will be permitted to continue on probation without submitting an appeal. Dismissal status will be reevaluated at the end of the spring semester.
- B. A student who is not enrolled in the subsequent spring semester has the right to appeal by submitting a petition to the Committee on Exceptions. Students who have not enrolled in the spring will be dismissed unless their petition is approved.

Spring Dismissals

- A. A student who is enrolled in the subsequent summer intersession will be permitted to continue on probation without submitting an appeal for the summer only.
- B. A student who is enrolled in the subsequent fall semester has the right to appeal by submitting a petition on the Committee on Exceptions. Provided the petition is approved the student will be permitted to continue on probation for the fall semester otherwise the student will be removed from classes for the fall.

Reinstatement Following Dismissal

A student who has been dismissed for academic and/or progress reasons may be reinstated when the student (1) does not attend for one primary semester (fall/spring), and (2) consults with a counselor to determine whether the reasons that led to dismissal have been corrected sufficiently to enable improved performance.

Students who believe they should be reinstated after being notified of dismissal must immediately petition the Committee on Exceptions. It is the student's responsibility to indicate on the petition a clear statement of the grounds on which continued enrollment should be granted and to provide evidence supporting the reasons.

The decision of the Committee on Exceptions will be communicated to the student in writing by the Dean of Counseling and Student Development. The student may appeal the decision of the Committee on Exceptions in writing to the Vice President of Student Services or designee within thirty days of the date of notification of the decision of the Committee on Exceptions. The decision of the vice president is final.

If the dismissal appeal is granted, the student will be continued on probation for an additional semester. At the end of the additional semester, the student's academic record will again be evaluated to determine whether the student may be removed from probation, should be dismissed, or should be continued on probation.

Disqualification of Veterans Affairs Educational Benefits

- A. When a veteran student or benefit-receiving dependent is placed on academic or progress probation for a second consecutive semester (not including summer session), the student becomes ineligible to receive veterans benefits for any subsequent semesters until the student has earned academic "good standing" by earning a 2.0 GPA or above and falls below the fifty (50) percent threshold for total withdrawals (W), incompletes (I), no credit (NC), and no pass (NP), regardless of the number of units completed. After two consecutive semesters on probation, MiraCosta College's probation and dismissal policy may allow a veteran to enroll for another term, but the Department of Veterans Affairs will not allow certification for benefits. Students who are academically dismissed have possible options for reinstatement for enrollment purposes, but again, will not be eligible for benefits until the overall grade-point average for MiraCosta College courses meets or exceeds 2.0 GPA and the percentage of withdrawals, incompletes, no credits, or no-pass grades is less than fifty (50) percent for all MiraCosta College courses combined.
- B. Students who are disqualified from receiving Veterans Affairs educational benefits may appeal the disqualification to the Veterans Education Benefits

Disqualification Committee and seek restoration of eligibility for benefits for any of the following reasons:

1. The immediately preceding semester MiraCosta College grade-point average has improved significantly.
2. Documented extenuating circumstances beyond the control of the student.
3. The combined grade-point average from MiraCosta College and other regionally accredited institutions of higher education, for coursework completed after disqualification, meets or exceeds district academic standards.