

To: Salem State College Undergraduate Students

From: Kristin Esterberg, Provost and Academic Vice President

Subject: Change in Academic Status and Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy

I am writing to inform you about an important change in College policy that took effect this Fall semester. The standards by which students will be deemed to be in good academic standing have changed. These changes were made to bring our institutional policy more in line with requirements for federal financial aid, and to ensure that we are providing the best service and advising to you as you progress through your studies at Salem State. The full policy is available on the Registrar's Office website (www.salemstate.edu/registrar). The summary of the new policy is below:

Good Standing

To remain in Good Standing, students must maintain a 2.000 grade point average and must also successfully complete at least 66% of the credits they attempt at Salem State. Unsuccessful attempts at courses include those graded as "W – Withdrawal, I – Incomplete , F – Failure, and NG – No Grade".

Academic Warning

Students who do not meet both the GPA and academic progress criteria will be placed on Academic Warning for the first semester after non-compliance.

Probation

Failure to achieve the minimum required standards in the semester following Academic Warning will result in a student being placed on Probation. Students who make progress toward improving their standing, but who do not bring their overall standing to minimum acceptable levels will remain on Probation. Students who remain on Probation for more than one consecutive semester will be ineligible for federal, state and institutional financial aid.

Dismissal

Students on Probation who fail to achieve minimum acceptable grade point average and academic progress standards in the semester following Probation will be Dismissed from the College.

If you have questions or concerns about this new policy, I strongly recommend that you speak with your Faculty Advisor or with staff in the Academic Advising Center.