

Section 13 Academic Oversight, Dismissal and Readmission

13.1 Academic Oversight

13.1.1 **Criteria.** Students with a cumulative grade-point average of less than 72 at the end of any academic term (including summer) are subject to academic oversight.

13.1.2 **Good Standing.** Oversight is not a form of probation, and a student subject to oversight is considered in good standing.

13.1.3 **Approval of Schedules.** Students subject to oversight may only register for classes if their schedule has been approved by the Academic Dean or designee. Students will not receive any academic credit for courses taken during the period of academic oversight that have not been approved in writing by the Academic Dean or designee. Absent compelling and unusual circumstances as determined by the Academic Dean or designee, such written approval must be received by the student prior to registration for the course.

13.1.4 **S/U Election.** Students subject to academic oversight shall not be permitted to elect a pass-fail option in courses where numeric grades are awarded.

13.1.5 **Academic Counseling.** Students subject to oversight may also be required to receive academic counseling or assistance in writing and analytical skills and may be subject to limits on

employment, cocurricular activities, and summer abroad programs.

13.2 Academic Dismissal

13.2.1 Criteria. A student will be administratively dismissed from the College of Law automatically and without further notice if:

13.2.1.1 the student fails, at any point after the completion of the student's second semester in the College, to maintain a cumulative grade point average of 69.000;⁹

13.2.1.2 the student receives a total of eight or more credit hours of F or AF grades during the student's first two semesters, provided that all such grades are not received from the same instructor;

13.2.1.3 except as provided in section 13.2.3, the student receives a total of 11 or more credit hours of F, AF and U grades, provided that all such grades are not received from the same instructor; or

⁹ This provision applies to students entering or readmitted to the College of Law on or after the Fall 2006 semester. Students who entered the College of Law prior to the Fall 2006 semester must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 66 or better after the completion of the student's second semester in the College in order to avoid academic dismissal.

13.2.1.4 the student receives a total of four or more credit hours of administrative F (AF) or U (AU) grades (see section 4.5).

13.2.2 Transfer students. In the case of a student who transfers to the FSU College of Law from another law school:

13.2.2.1 Only the grades received by the student at FSU after transfer will be considered for the purpose of applying the criteria for dismissal under section 13.2.1.

13.2.2.2 A transfer student who fails, at any time after the completion of the student's first semester at FSU, to maintain a cumulative grade point average of 69.000 will be academically dismissed.¹⁰

13.2.3 Exception. A grade of F, AF or U received by a student in the student's final semester for a course that is not necessary for the student's graduation will not be considered for purposes of applying section 13.2.1.3.

13.2.4 Notification. An academically dismissed student will be sent notification of the student's dismissal by the Dean or the Dean's designee promptly upon determination, but the failure

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promptly to notify the student or the student's failure to receive the notification will not affect the dismissal.

13.2.5 Effective date. The College has no probationary period for academically dismissed students, and a student's academic dismissal is effective immediately upon the student's notification of the dismissal. An academic dismissal relates back to the end of the semester in which the student was academically dismissed, and an academically dismissed student has no right to complete a semester or term in which the student is enrolled at the time of the student's notification of the dismissal.

13.2.6 No right to return. An academically dismissed student has no right to return to the College and must apply for readmission pursuant to section 13.3 if the student wishes to return to the College.

13.3 Readmission

A student (i) who has been academically dismissed from the College as provided in section 13.2; (ii) who voluntarily withdrew in good standing from the College and University as provided in section 12.1; or (iii) who while in good standing failed for two or more consecutive terms (including the summer term) to enroll in the College, or to visit another law school as a transient student as provided in section 1.3.1, must apply for readmission to the College as follows:

13.3.1 Readmission of an academically dismissed student is not a matter of right. The discretionary authority to readmit or not to readmit is delegated by the faculty of the College of Law to the Admissions Committee.

13.3.2 Procedure. An academically dismissed student should seek readmission through the Admissions Committee. The Committee's decision shall be made on the petition and the petitioner's law school record. There is no right of personal appearance before the Committee, although the Committee, in its discretion, may permit a personal appearance or require additional information in writing from the petitioner or others. In all such cases, the petitioner shall be given a written copy of any information added to his/her file after the filing of the petition for readmission. The decision of the Admissions Committee as to factual determinations is final.

13.3.3 The Admissions Committee may consider a petition for readmission at any time after academic dismissal. It is left to the discretion of the Admissions Committee to decide whether a layout, as a condition precedent to readmission, is appropriate to readmission. Normally, any layout period shall comply with the following norms:

- 13.3.3.1 Two or three semesters for students academically dismissed in their first year of law school.
- 13.3.3.2 One or two semesters for students academically dismissed in their second year of law school.
- 13.3.3.3 One semester for students academically dismissed in their third year of law school.

13.3.4 Certification of Cases or Issues to the Full Faculty. The Admissions Committee may certify particular issues or the entire readmissions decision in any case to the faculty. The faculty may then make the decision or provide guidelines to be applied by the Admissions Committee for that case.

13.3.5 Conditions Imposed on Readmission. The Admissions Committee (or the full faculty in appropriate cases) may impose reasonable conditions on the readmission of academically dismissed students. Without limitation, these conditions may deal with alterations of the definition of academic dismissal as it is to apply to the readmitted student; with whether or not the student will be permitted to enroll in pass/fail courses and, if so, under what circumstances; with any required remedial work (including the retaking of

previous courses) that might be warranted in the case; and with the academic average that must be maintained.

13.3.6 Reasons. Where an academically dismissed student is denied readmission, the justifications for the denial shall be reduced to writing. A copy shall be attached to the petition for readmission, and a copy shall be given to the petitioner.

13.3.7 Only one readmission. A second academic dismissal of a student is final.

13.3.8 Time for Completion of Degree. For any students who are readmitted after withdrawing or being dismissed from the College of Law, and who subsequently spend one year or less not enrolled in the College of Law, the date by which they must complete their J.D. degree shall toll by the amount of time they spend not pursuing their degree, unless the admissions committee conditions their readmission on a different completion date. For any students who are readmitted after withdrawing or being dismissed from the College of Law, and who subsequently spend more than one year not enrolled in the College of Law, the date by which they must complete their J.D. degree shall be explicitly specified by the admissions committee as a condition on their readmission to the College of Law.