



Academic Suspension Frequently Asked Questions

What is Academic Suspension?

An academic suspension results when a student on academic probation (cumulative GPA below 2.00) does not show progress toward good academic standing. (term GPA below 2.00)

Does Academic Suspension differ from Financial Aid Suspension?

Yes. The Academic Standards Policy differs from the Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy. Any concerns regarding your Financial Aid status and eligibility should be directed to the Financial Aid Office.

Does my Academic Suspension apply to other colleges?

No, this Academic Suspension applies only to your status at Aims.

How do I know if I am placed on Suspension?

You will receive a letter in the mail from the Dean for Student Services notifying you of Academic Suspension status and a registration hold will be placed on your record.

If I am placed on Academic Suspension, what happens to the classes I have already enrolled in for future semesters?

If you have already enrolled for future semesters, except summer semester, your classes will be dropped when placed on suspension.

Do I have the right to appeal the suspension?

Yes, you may appeal your suspension if extenuating circumstances exist. These circumstances include factors beyond your control (e.g., family emergency, serious illness, death in family, etc.) and must be documented.

What do I do if I am suspended for the first time?

If you wish to enroll in fall or spring classes, you must file an appeal by the deadline stated in the suspension letter and on the appeal form. The appeal form can be found online at http://www.aims.edu/student/admissions/standards/academic_suspension_appeal.pdf Otherwise, you must sit out for one term (fall or spring).

What if I am suspended for the second or third time?

Second suspension students must sit out one calendar year. Third suspension students must sit out two calendar years. Students will be recommended for expulsion after the third suspension.

What happens once I submit my appeal?

The Academic Standards Appeals Committee will review each appeal form and render a decision. Results of the Committee's decision will be mailed to you.

What if my appeal is approved?

First, you will need to fill out an Academic Reentry Plan which can be found online at http://www.aims.edu/student/admissions/standards/reentry_plan.pdf and meet with a Retention Advisor in the Student Success Center. You must also demonstrate academic progress in subsequent terms by achieving a 2.00 term GPA. A hold will remain on your academic record as long as the cumulative GPA is below a 2.00.

What if my appeal is denied?

You must sit out one term (fall or spring) for the first suspension or sit out one calendar year for the second suspension.

What do I do if I want to return to Aims after being on Suspension?

First, you will need to submit a Request for Reinstatement form to the Appeals Committee prior to the start of the next term. The deadlines are stated on the form. You will need to reapply for admission if you sit out for one calendar year. Lastly, you will need to fill out an Academic Reentry Plan which can be found online at http://www.aims.edu/student/admissions/standards/reentry_plan.pdf and meet with a Retention Advisor in the Student Success Center.

Where can I get more information about the Academic Standards Policy?

You may review the complete policy at <http://www.aims.edu/student/admissions/standards/policy.htm>