

Rock Valley College

RVC Standards for Academic Progress

RVC Administrative Procedure (4:20.070)

Rock Valley College is committed to student success and requires that all students enrolled in an academic program maintain minimum academic achievement standards to ensure steady progress toward their degree or certificate.

Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to establish clear guidelines for monitoring academic achievement and to outline the process for intervention when a student's performance falls below the College's acceptable standards.

Scope

This procedure applies to all individuals seeking admission to credit-bearing courses and programs at Rock Valley College.

Department and Primary Point of Contact Involved

Department: Enrollment Services

Primary Point of Contact: Dean of Enrollment Services

Definitions

Satisfactory Academic Progress: A measure of academic standing where a student maintains a semester and cumulative grade point average (GPA) at or above 2.0, while also meeting required completion rates for attempted courses.

Academic Probation: An official status assigned to a student whose semester or cumulative GPA falls below 2.0, serving as an initial warning and period for improvement.

Academic Drop: The status of being removed from an academic program or the College due to continued failure to meet minimum progress standards after a period of probation.

Procedure

- 1) End-of-Term Review: At the conclusion of every term, the Records and Registration office runs comprehensive lists of all enrolled students to evaluate their Term GPA and Cumulative GPA.
- 2) Calculation Criteria: When determining academic standing, the GPA calculation is based on college-level credit courses and does not include Developmental courses.

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- 3) Identification of Status: Students whose term or cumulative GPA falls below the required 2.0 threshold are identified for administrative action (Probation).
- 4) Student Communication: The College sends official communication to all students whose academic performance is below the acceptable standard to notify them of their current standing (e.g., Academic Probation).
- 5) Intervention and Support: Following notification, the College offers guidance and resources to help students return to satisfactory academic standing. This may include encouraging students to meet with an academic advisor to develop a recovery plan or providing referrals to appropriate support services as needed.
- 6) Academic Drop: A student who fails to progress towards satisfactory academic achievement may be dropped.

Note: Students placed on Academic Probation may lose eligibility for certain College programs, services, or benefits (e.g. student employment).

Note: Early College (Running Start): Students in the Running Start program are subject to different academic standards, including a 2.50 GPA requirement, which are established and managed by the Early College office.

Related Documents

Illinois Public Community College Act

Rock Valley College Catalog – Graduation Requirements

Reference: AR 314

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