DISMISSAL, APPEAL AND REINSTATEMENT

The policies below are in force for undergraduate students. For graduate students, the policies for dismissal, appeals and reinstatement are found under Academic Standing - Graduate Student in the University Catalog.

Dismissal

Students whose academic performance indicates a limited chance of obtaining the minimum grades required for good academic standing will be subject to dismissal from the university.

The provost may dismiss a student if any of the following conditions apply to that student:

1. Any student who earns between a 0.000 and 0.500 grade point average (GPA) in the student's first semester at Kent State.
2. Any continuing student on academic probation who does not achieve a minimum 2.000 semester GPA and has an overall GPA within the following ranges:
   - Between 0.000 and 29.999 GPA hours: below 1.100 overall GPA
   - Between 30.000 and 59.999 GPA hours: below 1.500 overall GPA
   - Between 60.000 and 89.999 GPA hours: below 1.750 overall GPA
   - 90.000 or more GPA hours: below 2.000 overall GPA
3. Any full-time student in the first semester at Kent State or on academic probation who receives 9 or more credit hours of any combination of the following grades or marks in the semester under review: F (Fail), NF (Never Attended–Fail), SF (Stopped Attending–Fail), U (Unsatisfactory). This policy applies without regard to whether the designated grades were included or excluded from the student's overall GPA.
4. Any less-than-full-time student in the first semester at Kent State or on academic probation who receives 6 or more credit hours of any combination of the following grades or marks in the semester under review: F (Fail), NF (Never Attended–Fail), SF (Stopped Attending–Fail), U (Unsatisfactory). This policy applies without regard to whether the designated grades were included or excluded from the student's overall GPA.

A student who is dismissed should expect to be away from the university for a minimum of 12 consecutive months. A dismissed student may not register for any coursework at any campus of Kent State University. The notation of academic dismissal will be printed on the student's official transcript. For further information concerning the conditions of academic probation and dismissal, students should contact their college or campus advising office. See guidelines for dismissal appeals below.

Dismissal Appeal

A student who is dismissed has the right to appeal the decision. Appeals must be based on recent circumstances that were beyond the control of the student. Appeals must be made in writing to the college or campus at which the student was enrolled at the time of the dismissal.

The appeal letter must be composed, typed and signed by the student. The appeal letter may be delivered personally or sent by mail, fax or e-mail from the student's Kent State e-mail address. An explanation of why action such as course withdrawal, complete term withdrawal, request for an incomplete grade, etc., was not taken before the end of the semester. The appeal letter must be composed, typed and signed by the student. Appeals must be made in writing to the college or campus advising office. See guidelines for dismissal appeals below.

Appeals that do not meet these guidelines will not be reviewed.

Reinstatement

Reinstatement after dismissal from Kent State University is neither automatic nor guaranteed. A student may be reinstated only if the student provides convincing evidence of probable academic success if permitted to return to the university. A dismissed student who has previously accumulated a substantial number of credit hours and/or an excessively low GPA should expect that reinstatement is not likely to be approved.

Application for reinstatement after the required period of time away from the university should be to the dean of the college or campus that houses the major program the student wishes to enter. Students wanting to be reinstated into a program with selective admission requirements, specified certification standards or additional graduation requirements may be approved to be reinstated into the university but not into that particular program. The application should include convincing evidence of the student's motivation to continue and of the student's specific efforts during the period of dismissal to eliminate previous weaknesses. After evaluating the application for reinstatement and all supporting materials, the dean will inform the student of the reinstatement decision.

A student who is reinstated is automatically placed on academic probation until good academic standing (minimum 2.000 overall GPA) is attained. Academic requirements will be determined by the Catalog-in-force at the time the student re-enrolls at the university. For further information concerning reinstatement, students should consult their college or campus advising office.