

Termination of Status and Academic Dismissal

For Graduate Programs

During a student's degree program, certain circumstances may lead to probation, suspension, or dismissal from the student's graduate program or Mary Baldwin University.

Academic Probation

Students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.0 or better to continue in the program and graduate. Students falling below an overall GPA of 3.0 in any given semester will be placed on academic probation. A student on probation will be notified in writing, including of any special provisions. A student may remain on academic probation for one term (or 12 semester hours of enrollment for part-time students) in order to reach a 3.0 overall GPA. If the 3.0 GPA is not met at that time, the student will be dismissed from the program in which they are enrolled. A student may remain on probation a maximum of one semester while enrolled in the program. The second occurrence of probation will result in dismissal from the program.

Students on probation may be required to consult with their academic advisor and/or meet other special provisions.

Program Dismissal

Students are required to meet the specific program academic standards for the program in which they are enrolled. Failure to maintain these standards will result in program dismissal and subsequent withdrawal from MBU.

A student who is dismissed from their program may not re-enroll before a year has elapsed. After one year the student desiring to re-enroll must apply through the admissions process in place at the time of reapplication and must meet all admissions criteria in place at that time. Students must provide evidence the problems that led to suspension have been mastered. Readmission is not guaranteed.

Students may appeal a program dismissal decision and subsequent to a student's appeal the College may, at its sole discretion, allow the student to return on probation.

Immediate Suspension

Students whose semester GPA is 1.0 or below may be subject to immediate suspension from Mary Baldwin University, without having spent the usual period on probation. Such suspensions are for one semester or a full year.

Summary Suspension

Pending action of the program's Honor Council, other administrative body, or civil courts, the status of a student should not be altered or their right to be present on campus and to attend classes suspended except for reasons relating to the safety and well-being of students, faculty, or university property. If such a threat to safety and well-being exists, MBU may summarily suspend the student until resolution by the appropriate body is achieved.

Dismissal

A student readmitted following a suspension or program dismissal will be dismissed from MBU if the student's work requires academic probation and the student has made unacceptable progress toward raising her or his GPA to the required levels. Following dismissal, Mary Baldwin University will not consider the student for readmission. The Office of the University Registrar will note the dismissal on the student's academic record.