

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

To be applied at the end of Academic Year 2016-17. This policy will replace the text on page 33 of the School's Catalog under the heading **ACADEMIC POLICY** and the text on page 83 of the School's Catalog under the heading **LIMITS** becomes ineffective.

Good Standing: Any student (regular or special) who after the end of the academic year has an overall grade point average of 2.00 or better, and complies with the required minimum cumulative completion ratio will be in Good Standing.

Student academic progress will be evaluated at the end of each academic year. This evaluation will consider all cumulative credits that the student has attempted toward the Doctor of Optometry Degree and the cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA).

QUALITATIVE MEASUREMENT

A student enrolled in the IAUPRSO program must maintain a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.00.

QUANTITATIVE MEASUREMENT

MAXIMUM TIME FRAME

It is required to complete the program of study:

- a. In a maximum term of 6 year (72 months), starting from the initial matriculation date or
- b. Complete the academic program within 225.38 (150.25 credits X 1.5) attempted credit hours. After attempting 225.38 credit hours, student financial aid eligibility will be terminated for the program.

PACE OF COMPLETION

Students enrolled in the IAUPRSO must satisfactorily complete a minimum amount of credits attempted by **academic year** program as shown in the table below:

Academic Year	Minimum Cumulative Completion Ratio
End of the first academic year:	66.7%
End of the second academic year:	66.7%
End of the third academic year:	75%
End of the fourth academic year:	80%

All attempted credit hours at IAUPR School of Optometry includes those that student obtains A, B, C, D, F, P, NP, W (withdrawal) UW (unauthorized withdrawal), R (repeated courses) and T (transfer credits that were previously completed at and accredited institution used to fulfill de degree requirements). Approved credits are those in that student obtains A, B, C, D, T and P. Incomplete (I) courses are not considered for the determination of satisfactory academic progress.

ACADEMIC DISMISSAL

A student will undergo academic dismissal if at the end of any academic year:

1. The Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) is less of than 2.00, **or**
2. Does not meet the required Cumulative Completion Ratio, **or**
3. Exceeds the time frame limits established for the program: 6 years **or** 225.38 credits attempted, whichever comes first.

Academic dismissal will result in loss of the eligibility for obtaining financial aid.

The academic dismissal and financial aid can be appealed as explained below

APPEAL PROCESS FOR ACADEMIC DISMISSAL

This appeal process is for students who have undergone academic dismissal for the first time. An appeal form, combined with a personal statement and corroborating documents must be submitted to the Dean of Academic Affairs. The personal statement must include in writing an explanation of why the student feels his/her appeal for

reinstatement should be considered. Examples of acceptable reasons for appealing may include death in the immediately family, serious medical illness or injury, or other circumstances beyond the student's control. The Academic Dismissal Appeals Committee will evaluate the case upon its merits. If the appeal is granted it will be under an Academic Probation status, for a maximum of one semester. The Dean of Academic Affairs and the Academic Dismissal Appeals Committee will require the student to enroll in specific courses according to an academic plan. **The probationary status does not imply that the student is eligible for federal financial aid.**

EVALUATION OF STUDENTS IN AN ACADEMIC PROBATIONARY STATUS

The academic performance of students in an academic probationary status will be evaluated at the end of the semester. If at the end of the first semester under Academic Probation status the student, satisfactorily passed 100% of the registered credits, **and** met all SAP requirements, **and** met other academic conditions the Academic Dismissal Appeals Committee may have stipulated, he/she will be classified in Good Standing for the next semester. However, if the student does not meet all SAP requirements, satisfactorily passed 100% of the registered credits, and other academic conditions the Academic Dismissal Appeals Committee may have stipulated, then the student will be permanently dismissed. This second dismissal cannot be appealed.

APPEAL PROCESS FOR FINANCIAL AID SUSPENSION

The appeal process is considered only for financial aid purpose, for students on academic probation. An appeal form, combined with a personal statement and a corroborating document must be submitted to the Office of Financial Aid, who will evaluate with the Professional Counselor the merits of the case. The personal statement should include in writing an explanation of why the student feels his/her appeal for reinstatement should be considered. Examples of acceptable reasons for appealing may include death in the immediately family, serious medical illness or injury, or other circumstances beyond the student's control. If the appeal is granted, then the eligibility will be reinstalled for one payment period under a probationary status. The Office of Financial Affairs will provide an initial review and response to the student's appeal process before the first day of classes. If the student's appeal is denied, he/she will be responsible for covering the balance for that semester.