Academic Regulations: Liberal Arts and Sciences

For complete information regarding academic rules and regulations of the University, students should consult the Academic Regulations (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-regulations) section of this bulletin. The following additions and amendments apply to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Attendance
Regularity in attendance and performance is necessary for success in college work. Attendance requirements will be announced by instructors at the beginning of each course.

Normal Program Load
To graduate in four years, students should take at least fifteen credits per semester for eight consecutive semesters. A normal load should not exceed eighteen credits.

Because at least two hours of outside preparation are normally expected for each class hour, a fifteen credit program calls for approximately forty-five hours of class attendance and study per week. Students who undertake such a program should expect to give it their full time and energy.

Extra Credits
Extra credits are credits taken in excess of the normal load of eighteen credits. Students with 3.0 (or above) grade point averages may take more than eighteen credits when their proposed programs carry the written approval of the advisor and the Dean.

Retention of Student Records
Term papers and examinations shall either be returned to students or retained by the instructor for a minimum of six months. Thereafter they may be destroyed. Instructors shall retain grade books for at least five years following the end of a term, and instructors who leave the institution shall give grade books for courses conducted during the past five years to their department chairperson. Five years after the end of a course, grade books may be returned to the instructor or destroyed by the department.

Honors College
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences students may request permission to take honors courses (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/honors-college) if they have a cumulative grade point average of 3.3 or above.

‘AGRADE’ (Accelerated Graduate Enrollment Program)

Accelerated Graduate Enrollment: Some Departments of the College permit academically superior majors to apply for admission into the College’s ‘AGRADE’ program. ‘AGRADE’ procedures enable qualified seniors in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to enroll simultaneously in the undergraduate and graduate programs of the College and apply a maximum of sixteen credits towards both a bachelor's and master's degree in the major field.

Qualified students may apply for the AGRADE program no earlier than the semester in which ninety credits are completed. Applicants must have an overall grade point average of 3.5 and not less than a 3.6 grade point average in the major courses already completed.

For more details about the ‘AGRADE’ program, contact the Graduate Director of the major department or the Graduate Office of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (313-577-2516).

Graduation with Academic Distinction
Candidates eligible for the bachelor's degree may receive a special citation on their diplomas under the following circumstances: The designations of 'Summa Cum Laude,' 'Magna Cum Laude,' and 'Cum Laude' will be conferred upon graduating students whose cumulative grade point averages at Wayne State University fall within approximately the upper five percent, the next five percent, and the next ten percent of the senior class, respectively. The grade points used to identify the lower limits for each designation will be based upon the grade points attained by seniors at these percentile levels during the preceding academic year. Only students who have earned 56 or more credits at Wayne State University are eligible to graduate with one of the above distinction citations.

Dean's List
The Dean's List of academically superior students is compiled each fall and winter term based on the following criteria: A 3.6 grade point average for students registered for full-time programs of twelve credits or more which contribute to the grade point base; and a 4.0 grade point average for students registered for between six and eleven credits. Students who receive marks of ‘I’ or ‘W’ or ‘Y’ and grades of ‘N’ or ‘U’ are not eligible. (For explanation of these marks and grades, see Marks (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/general-information/records-registration).)

Academic Probation

Low Grade Point Average: If a student's cumulative grade point average falls below 2.0, the student will be placed on academic probation. The student will be required to obtain permission from the University Advising Center before registering. Such permission will be granted only after an interview during which the student and advisor identify previous causes of failure and formulate a plan for future success.

Registration: A student on academic probation must have a 'hold' released each term before he or she registers. To obtain this release, the student must see an academic advisor in the University Advising Center. This hold will not be released after the last day of the final registration for the term for which the student plans to register.

Restriction: While on academic probation, a student may not represent the College in student activities.

Removal of Academic Probation: Academic probation will be removed at the end of any term in which the student achieves a cumulative average of C (2.0) or better for all degree work taken at the University.

Exclusion

Low Grade Point Average: Students on academic probation shall be given two subsequent terms for enrollment on probationary status. At the conclusion of the two terms, a student who has not achieved a cumulative g.p.a. of at least 2.0 shall be excluded from the University. A student excluded from the University may not apply for reinstatement for one calendar year. Such an exclusion will be reviewed by the Probation Committee and the Dean upon the request of the student.

Reinstatement: After one year of exclusion, the student may apply for reinstatement in the College. The decision to reinstate will be based upon
evidence presented by the student that circumstances have changed during the year and that the probability of success has increased. The reinstatement application must be returned to the University Advising Center at least six weeks prior to the first day of any registration period.

Cheating and Plagiarism

The principle of honesty is recognized as fundamental to a scholarly community. Students are expected to honor this principle and instructors are expected to take appropriate action when instances of academic dishonesty are discovered. An instructor, on discovering such an instance, may give a failing grade on the assignment or for the course. The instructor has the responsibility of notifying the student of the alleged violation and the action being taken. Both the student and the instructor are entitled to academic due process in all such cases. Acts of dishonesty may lead to suspension or exclusion.

Academic Advising

Academic advisors are available in all departments. Students who have chosen a major should meet with their departmental advisor. Students should confer with advisors on all questions concerning degree requirements, academic regulations, course elections, and programs of study. It is of primary importance that students talk with an advisor when they are having difficulties in their academic work.