You Can Succeed in CEE at CSU!

CSU admits successful students

- Admissions to CSU and the College of Engineering is competitive.
- We believe you can be successful!

Scholastic Standards Policy

(University Academic Probation)

- Academic Probation = cumulative GPA < 2.0.
- Academic Dismissal = after 2 semesters on academic probation.
- Graduation = a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA.

Scholastic Standards Policy

(College of Engineering)

For Graduation you need:

- A minimum overall cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher
- A minimum GPA of 2.0 or higher in your Math/Science/Engineering (M/S/E) courses

If your overall GPA is >= 2.0 but your M/S/E GPA is < 2.0 you cannot graduate
Academic Probation

• If you are on academic probation you are not alone.

• However something MUST change.

• You need a plan.

• You can return to Good Academic Standing!

Your Grade Point Average (GPA)

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• Repairing your GPA depends on:
  1. How close your cumulative GPA or M/S/E GPA is to a 2.0. AND
  2. The number of credits you’ve taken.

• Once at / below 2.0
  • D’s will further damage your GPA.
  • C’s will make little difference.

• The more total credits you have, the more course work it will take to repair your GPA.

Calculating Your Semester GPA

• Use the grade predictor tool in DARS

• Use the EXCEL check-sheet provided by the CEE Department for your major

• Determine the grades you will need in your classes to improve your GPA

Scenarios for Improving Your GPA

Example 1: Your GPA is a 1.70 and you’ve taken 15 credits.
If you take 12 credits and
• Earn all C’s & cumulative GPA = 1.83.
  x Still on probation.
• Earn all B’s & cumulative GPA = 2.27.
  ✓ This would return you to Good Academic Standing.
Scenarios for Improving Your GPA

Example 2: Your GPA is a 1.70 and you’ve taken 45 credits.
If you take 12 credits and
• Earn all C’s & cumulative GPA = 1.75.
• Even earn all B’s & cumulative GPA = 1.97.
  X Neither of these scenarios would return you to Good Academic Standing.

Strategies for Success

DO! DO! DO!
• Check your CSU email
• See your advisor.
• Use resources.

DO NOT
• Delay addressing the problem
• Assume you will do better in the future if you don’t make any changes
• Be embarrassed to ask for help

You MUST
• Attend EVERY class for all your courses.
• Take thorough notes
• Review notes after class.
• Do all homework and laboratory assignments
• Read the syllabus.
• Buy your supplies and books early.

You MUST
• Seek help from your professor and/or TA.
• Join a study group
• Take advantage of tutoring resources at TILT and at the Academic Village
7 Steps for Improved Academic Practices

1. Identify Your Strengths & Weaknesses.
   - Admit you are in academic difficulty.
   - Know you can succeed.
   - Identify why you are on Academic Probation.
   - Ask your Academic Advisor for help.

2. Set Goals.
   - S - Specific
   - M - Measurable
   - A - Attainable
   - R - Relevant
   - T - Time-based

WRITE DOWN your goals and consider sharing them with someone else

3. Create & Follow a Schedule.
   - Create a schedule
   - Write it down
   - Be specific
   - Schedule Tutoring/Study group sessions

4. Get the Most out of Class.
   - Go to every class!
   - Arrive early and stay until the end.
   - Give your professor your full attention.

5. Note Taking.
6. Critical Reading.
7. Preparing for Exams.
Step 5. Take Strong Notes

• Write your own notes.

• The physical activity of writing helps you learn.

• Write clearly.

Step 6: Be an Active Reader

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• Survey
• Question
• Read
• Recite
• Review

Step 7: Prepare for Exams

• Don’t cram.

• Start preparing early.

• Review your notes weekly.

• Pull together all points of learning.

What Now?

Develop Your Strategies!

Get Back on Track One Step at a Time

• Be realistic.

• Give yourself time.

• Find campus resources.

Establish Goals

• Remember SMART goals.

• Write down goals.

• Goals help you focus will power.
  • Reward yourself for meeting goals.
**Balance Your Schedule**
- Being a student is a fulltime job!
  - 15 credits requires 45 hours per week in class and studying
- If you have to work, limit your work hours or limit your number of credits.

**Track Your Performance**
- Know the pulse of your academics.
- Track all of your grades throughout the semester.
- Read syllabi.
- Meet with professors.
- Use GPA tools.

**Know Probation Policies**
- Repeat/delete option
- Individual course withdrawal
- University Withdrawal

**Meet With Your Academic Advisor**
- Know your advisor.
- Advisors are your resource.
- Make appointments to discuss probation.
- Be prepared.

**Be Your Best Advocate**
- Know your needs.
- Be responsible.
- Ask for help.
- Use resources.