

Frequently Asked Questions about Academic Warning

Q1: I'm on Academic Warning. What does that mean?

A1: Being on Academic Warning means that you have not been passing enough courses with at least a C or better. Even if your cumulative GPA is above 2.0, if your **term** GPA is below a 2.0 for two consecutive terms (when taking 4 or more credits), you will be placed on Academic Warning. Academic Warning is a second warning that you need to improve your grades in order to move back into “Good Standing” and to avoid being placed on Academic Suspension.

Q2: How is academic standing determined?

A2: All credit seeking, non-high school students enrolled in 4 or more credits term are required to maintain a minimum **term** GPA of 2.0 and complete at least 50% of attempted credits. Academic Standing email notifications are sent the week after finals to your student email.

GOOD STANDING: **term** GPA is 2.0 or higher and passing at least 50% of attempted credits.

ACADEMIC ALERT: **term** GPA is below 2.00 and/or not passing at least 50% of attempted credits for 1 term.

ACADEMIC WARNING: **term** GPA is below 2.00 and/or not passing at least 50% of attempted credits for 2 consecutive terms.

ACADEMIC SUSPENSION: **term** GPA is below 2.00 and/or not passing at least 50% of attempted credits for 3 consecutive terms.

Q3: What should I do now?

A3: When placed on Academic Warning, a hold is placed on your account to restrict you from registering until you complete an academic warning appointment with an Academic Advisor. Your focus should be on improving your academic performance in your next term. An Advisor will make sure you understand the conditions outlined on your academic warning notification (sent to your CCC student email) and provide guidance when planning your classes for next term.

Q4: Why do I have to complete the Academic Warning Questionnaire?

A4: The questionnaire provides an opportunity for you to reflect upon the factors that led to your academic difficulty, to develop a plan for returning to good standing, and to ensure that you are developing an achievable plan for graduation. It also provides a chance for you to meet with an Academic Advisor for additional support.

Q5: Why do I have to meet with an Academic Advisor?

A5: Academic Advisors want to make sure you receive the support and resources you need as you work towards returning to good Academic Standing. We can answer questions that you may have, help you make good choices with your schedule, and ensure that you are making progress towards the completion of your goals. We can also advise you on course selection and how to access help such as tutoring, counseling, and other support services.

Q6: How does being on Academic Warning affect my financial aid?

A6: It could impact your financial aid, but not always. Being on Academic Warning is separate from Financial Aid and every situation is case-by-case. If you are receiving Financial Aid, Veterans Benefits, or Scholarships, please check your CCC email for any notifications and/or contact those offices to see if you need to take additional steps to ensure still have funding for future terms.

Q7: What grades do I need to get next term in order to reach Good Standing?

A7: You will need to earn a term GPA of 2.0 or higher and pass at least 50% of attempted credits (attempted credits include courses with W, N, or Y grades).

Q8: What happens if my academic performance continues to decline?

A8: If your **term** GPA falls below 2.0 for a 3rd consecutive term, you will be placed on Academic Suspension. Being on Academic Suspension means that your future at CCC may be at risk. If you are registered for classes in the following term, you will be Administratively Withdrawn (dropped from your classes) before the term begins and a registration hold will be placed on your account. If you are on Academic Suspension, you can [apply for reinstatement](#) to be considered for reinstatement for a future term.

Q9: How can I improve my GPA?

A9: One way to improve your GPA is to retake courses you did not pass (courses you earned grades of a D or F). You can talk more in detail about this with an Academic Advisor.

Q10: Where can I get support?

A10: In addition to support from Academic Advising, there are many other support services available to you. Visit [Cougar Connect](#) for a list of academic support resources.

Q11: Is my Academic Warning status noted on my transcript?

A11: No, Academic Warning will not be on your transcript.

Q12: Is it possible to graduate while on Academic Warning?

A12: Yes. As long as your CCC **cumulative** GPA is a 2.0 or higher and you have completed all of your degree requirements, you can graduate while on Academic Warning.

Q13: I don't plan to return to CCC. What should I do?

A13: Get in touch with an Advisor about dropping classes as soon as possible to avoid any fees. To return to CCC, you may be given conditions for readmission.