

ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

The Honor System

Among the most significant traditions of The College of William and Mary is the student-administered honor system. The honor system is based upon the premise that a person's honor is his or her most cherished attribute. The Honor Code outlines the conduct that cannot be tolerated within a community of trust. Prohibited conduct is limited to three specific areas – lying, cheating and stealing. The Honor Code is an agreement among all students taking classes at the school or participating in the educational programs of the College (e.g., study abroad or internship activities) not to lie, cheat or steal. This agreement is made effective upon matriculation at the College and through the student's enrollment even though that enrollment may not be continuous. A complete description of rights and responsibilities can be found in the Student Handbook.

Academic Advising

Academic advising is recognized at the College as important to the educational development of its students and as both a natural extension of teaching and an important professional obligation on the part of its faculty. Sound academic advice can make the crucial difference between a coherent and exciting education that satisfies personal and professional goals and one that is fragmented and frustrating. It helps the student address not simply course selection and scheduling but also what a liberally educated person should be and know. Because students are responsible themselves for meeting academic goals and requirements, they are urged to take full advantage of the help and information the advisor can offer. Students should take the initiative in making appointments with the faculty advisor for academic and other counsel. Freshmen are assigned an academic advisor in an area of academic interest to them by the Office of Academic Advising. Students are required to meet with their advisors to discuss academic, personal and professional goals; to review the academic regulations and requirements of the College; and to receive help in planning a specific program of study. Freshmen have three required advising meetings during the first year and must attend these meetings in order to register for the next semester. Although students may change their advisor at any time by requesting a change in the Office of Academic Advising, most students retain the same advisor during the sophomore year. After students declare their major, they are assigned an advisor by the department, program or school in which they are completing a major. Students declaring two majors are assigned an advisor in both majors. For details on when students can or must declare a major, see the Catalog section, "Requirements for Degrees, The Major".

Class Attendance

An education system centered upon classroom instruction is obviously predicated on the concept of regular class attendance. In support of this concept, the following principles are to be observed:

1. Except for reasonable cause, students are expected to be present at all regularly scheduled class meetings, including their last scheduled class in each of their courses preceding and their first scheduled class in each of their courses following the fall break, Thanksgiving, semester break, and spring holidays.

2. Students whose attendance becomes unsatisfactory to the extent that their course performance is affected adversely should be so informed by their instructor and reported to the Dean of Students.
3. Each student is responsible for notifying professors of absences, and faculty may call the Office of the Dean of Students to ask for verification of student illnesses. In view of the Honor Code, a student's explanation of class absence should be sufficient in most instances. If required by a professor, documentation of medical absence may be obtained from the Student Health Center.
4. Students who will miss classes due to personal difficulties or family emergencies should contact the Dean of Students Office as soon as possible.

Final Examinations

A final examination is an important part of the evaluation of each student's work and is expected in all courses except seminars, colloquia, studio, or writing courses where final examinations may be unnecessary or inappropriate. The final examination schedule can be viewed at <http://www.wm.edu/registrar/exam-sched.php>. Except in narrowly defined circumstances, changes in the examination schedule are not allowed.

Requests to reschedule a final examination within the examination period should be filed with the Dean of Undergraduate Studies, located in Ewell Hall, Room 124. Requests may be made when a student has three scheduled final examinations in three consecutive exam periods on consecutive days, when there is a conflict between a student's scheduled examinations, or when a student wishes to take an examination with a different section of the same course.

All other requests for exceptions to the examination schedule are considered as requests to defer a final examination. These requests should be filed with the Office of the Dean of Students, located in the Campus Center, Room 109, and may be made on the basis of illness or other extenuating circumstances (such as a death or other family emergency, conflict with a religious holiday, or participation in activities by a student representing the College). Final examinations that are deferred will be scheduled for the first full week of classes of the following regular semester. Students with deferred examinations will typically receive an initial grade of "I," incomplete. In this case, the "I" grade should be changed as early in the following semester as possible.

Final examinations are rescheduled or deferred only for extraordinary and compelling reasons. Students should not assume that a request is approved until they receive written approval from the appropriate dean. Individual faculty members may not grant permission to reschedule or defer a final examination.

At times, unpredictable circumstances present themselves, such as a car breakdown or an accident on the way to a final examination. In such cases a student should contact the Office of the Dean of Students at the earliest available time to determine possible options.

Final Exams and Tests During the Last Week of Classes

Except for final laboratory examinations (including language laboratories and Kinesiology activity classes), no tests or final examinations may be given during the last week of classes or during the period between the end of classes and the beginning of the final examination period or during any reading period. Students who are assigned tests or examinations in violation of this rule should contact the Dean of Undergraduate Studies in Ewell Hall, Room 124.

Academic Records, Confidentiality and Privacy

Transcripts: Transcripts of academic records for The College of William and Mary are issued by the Office of the University Registrar only upon the student's request. A fee of five dollars is charged for each official transcript. Payment may be made by cash, check or money order when ordering in person. Orders sent by mail must include payment in the form of a check or money order (U.S. funds). Official transcripts issued to students will be placed in a signed, sealed envelope and will bear the stamp "Official Transcript Issued to Student." Official transcripts usually are prepared and released within 3-5 business days. Additional time should be allowed for requests made at the end of the semester or during registration periods. Official transcripts are typically required for admission to a college or university and frequently for employment purposes.

Official transcripts must be requested in writing with the student's signature. Request forms are available online at <http://www.wm.edu/registrar/forms.php>. Requests may be mailed to: The College of William and Mary, Office of the University Registrar, Attention: TRANSCRIPTS, P.O. Box 8795, Williamsburg, Virginia 23187-8795.

Currently enrolled students may view their unofficial transcript on line via my.wm.edu and Banner Self Service.

In accordance with the 1988 Virginia Debt Collection Act, Section 2.1-735, transcripts will not be released for students who have outstanding fines or fees, nor are they viewable over the web.

Verification of Enrollment or Degrees: Requests for official verification of enrollment or degrees earned at the College should be addressed to the University Registrar's Office. Additional information is available on the University Registrar's web site at <http://www.wm.edu/registrar>. The College sends regular enrollment and graduation updates to the National Student Clearinghouse, which is used by many loan agencies to verify enrollment. The College cannot verify enrollment or degrees for students who have submitted a request for confidentiality.

Privacy of Student Records: The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their educational records. Enrolled students have the following rights under the law:

1. Enrolled students have the right to inspect their records within 45 days of the request for inspection and are entitled to an explanation of any information therein. "Records" refers to those files and their contents that are maintained by official units of the College. Generally, students have the right to review any official record that the College maintains on them. When access is permitted, documents will be examined only under conditions that will prevent unauthorized removal, alteration, or mutilation. Information to which the student does not have access is limited to the following:
 - a) Confidential letters of recommendation placed in student's files before January 1, 1975, and those letters for which the student has signed a waiver of his or her right of access.
 - b) Parent's confidential financial statements.
 - c) Medical, psychiatric, or similar records "which are created, maintained, or used only in connection with the provision of treatment to the student and are not available to anyone other than persons providing such

treatment; provided, however, that such records can be personally reviewed by a physician or other appropriate professional of the student's choice."

- d) Personal files and records of members of the faculty or administrative personnel, which are in the sole possession of the maker thereof, and which are not accessible or revealed to any person except a substitute.
 - e) Records of the Admissions Office concerning students admitted but not yet enrolled at the College. Letters of recommendation are removed from the admissions files before the files are forwarded to the Office of the University Registrar.
 - f) Documents submitted to the College by or for the student will not be returned to the student. Academic records received from other institutions will not be sent to third parties external to the College, nor will copies of such documents be given to the student. Such records should be requested by the student from the originating institution.
2. Students have the right to request an amendment of the education record that the student believes is inaccurate or misleading. Should a student believe his or her record is incorrect, a written request should be submitted to the appropriate College official indicating the correct information that should be entered. The official will respond within a reasonable period concerning his or her action. Should the student not be satisfied, a hearing may be requested.
 3. Students have the right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education record, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.
 4. Students have the right to file a complaint with the US Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the College to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is: Family Policy Compliance Office, US Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-4605.
 5. Disclosure to members of the College community:
 - a) "School Official" is defined as a person employed by the College in an administrative, supervisory, academic or research, or support staff position; or a person or company with whom the College has contracted (such as attorney, auditor, or collection agent).
 - b) A school official must have a legitimate educational interest in order to review an education record. "Legitimate Educational Interest" is defined in the following manner: the information requested must be within the context of the responsibilities assigned to the School Official; the information sought must be used within the context of official College business and not for purposes extraneous to the official's area of responsibility or the College; information requested must be relevant and necessary to the accomplishment of some task or to making some determination within the scope of College employment.
 6. Directory Information: The College has designated the following information as "Directory Information" which may be released to the public without the consent of the student:
 - Student's Name
 - Current Classification
 - Address (permanent, local, and email)
 - Previous schools attended and degrees awarded
 - Telephone Number
 - Date of Birth

Dates of Attendance
 Current Enrollment Status
 Degree(s) earned and date awarded
 Major(s), Minor
 Honors or Special Recognition
 Height and weight of members of athletic teams

Students may prohibit the release of directory information by completing a 'Request for Confidentiality' form, located on the University Registrar's website at <http://www.wm.edu/registrar/forms.php>. This request must be submitted in person to the Office of the University Registrar and will remain on file indefinitely until written notice is submitted by the student to remove it.

For additional information regarding students' rights related to the release of personally identifiable information, see the University Registrar's website at <http://www.wm.edu/registrar> or the section entitled 'Statement of Rights and Responsibilities' in the Student Handbook.

7. Release of Academic, Judicial, and Financial Information to Parents: Students who wish their parents, guardians, and/or spouse to have access to academic, financial or judicial information protected by FERPA may provide consent by completing the appropriate form in the Office of the Dean of Students. Students have the right to revoke this consent at any time. Parents of dependent students have the right to information about their children; however, they must provide tax documents if there is no release already on file with the College.
8. Student Assessment: The College of William and Mary conducts periodic reviews of its curricular and co-curricular programs as part of the College's state-mandated responsibility to monitor student outcomes and assure the continuing quality of a William and Mary degree. Surveys, course portfolios (including examples of student writing), and other procedures are used to gather information about student achievement and experiences. Information collected as part of the assessment program will not be used to evaluate individual performance and will not be released in a form that is personally identifiable. Students who do not want their work to be used in institutional or program assessments must submit a letter indicating that preference to the Dean of Undergraduate Studies.

Classification of Students

Academic Classification: A student's academic classification is based on total credits earned toward a William and Mary degree. These credits include both institutional and transfer hours.

Freshman	0 – 23 credits earned
Sophomore	24 – 53 credits earned
Junior	54 – 84 credits earned
Senior	85 or more credits earned

The College of William and Mary recognizes that many students arrive having completed college credits through a variety of programs including the Advanced Placement Program of the College Board, the International Baccalaureate Program, or concurrent enrollment programs offered through their high school. These credits are reflected in the student's academic classification.

Social Classification: Definition of a degree-seeking undergraduate according to the year in which the student could be expected to graduate assuming a 4-year program following high

school graduation (e.g., a new freshman in 2007 is designated as "Class of 2011"). For transfer or older students, the social class is defined by calculating or extrapolating eight semesters of full-time-equivalent postsecondary enrollment. Social Class is used for a variety of purposes, including priority registration, housing, athletic tickets, parking, meal plans, and other activities.

Enrollment Statuses

Full Time Status: Students at The College of William and Mary are expected to remain enrolled full-time throughout their academic career. A full-time degree-seeking student must register for at least 12 and not more than 18 credits each semester. (Audits do NOT count toward the 12 credit hour minimum required for undergraduate students.) The normal load for a student planning to graduate with a degree in four years is 15 credit hours per semester, or 30 credits each academic year. An academic year is comprised of the Fall semester and the Spring semester but does not include the Summer Session. Work successfully completed during a Summer Session is counted toward the 120 academic credits required for graduation, as is the case with transfer or advanced placement credit. Students on academic probation are limited to a maximum of 16 credits per semester.

Petitions for underloads or overloads, when warranted by special circumstances, may be granted by the Committee on Academic Status; these petitions should be made in writing to the Office of the Dean of Students. For details regarding Overloads or Underloads, and the deadlines for petitioning, see the appropriate section below.

Medical Underload: With the written recommendation of a physician or psychologist, students unable to undertake a full academic schedule may petition for a medical underload. Petitions for underloads must be submitted to the Medical Review Committee (a sub-committee of the Committee on Academic Status) through the Office of the Dean of Students. The granting of a medical underload may be contingent upon additional restrictions or requirements. If granted, medical underloads normally do not result in any refund of tuition or fees. Inquiries regarding refunds should be directed to the Office of the Bursar. Students carrying a medical underload will be expected to meet the continuance regulations in this catalog.

Underload: Students must request approval from the Committee on Academic Status through the Office of the Dean of Students to carry fewer than 12 earned hours during a regular semester. Audited classes do not count toward the 12 earned hours, but do count toward the 18 credit hour maximum allowed for undergraduate students. Students carrying an unauthorized underload are subject to withdrawal after the add/drop period, can be placed on probation by the Committee on Academic Status, and/or can be referred to Judicial Affairs for failure to comply with College rules and regulations. Students must pay full tuition and fees if they are carrying an unauthorized underload. An unauthorized underload counts as a full semester toward the 10-semester rule. Students carrying an underload approved before the end of add/drop may receive a reduction in tuition, but pay full student fees. Students withdrawing to an unauthorized underload after the end of add/drop will be re-entered into the last class or classes from which they withdrew until they carry the approved number of credit hours.

Students who are considering a petition for underload should consult with scholarship/financial aid and insurance providers to make certain they understand all the financial implications of a reduction in load. Students carrying an underload will be expected to meet the continuance regulations

in this catalog. Requests for underload should be submitted through the Office of the Dean of Students preferably within a period of five days before the first day of registration for the semester in question, but not later than two days before the end of the add/drop period.

Overload: Requests to enroll for more than 18 hours must be submitted to the Committee on Academic Status through the Office of the Dean of Students preferably within a period of five days before the first day of registration for the semester in question, but not later than two days before the end of the add/drop period. After the end of the add/drop period, students carrying unauthorized overloads will be dropped from the last class added. An overload is rarely granted to students whose cumulative or regular preceding semester's grade point average is less than 3.0. Permission to carry more than 18 academic credits is granted only to exceptionally able students. Students wishing to add courses for audit that will cause them to carry more than 18 registered hours must also petition for an overload.

Summer School: Summer school at William and Mary consists of two five-week sessions. Students may not take more than eight hours per session. Requests for overloads must be approved by the Committee on Academic Status. Summer School information is available in March of each year on the University Registrar's web site. Additional information is available from the Office of the University Registrar.

Enrollment in Graduate Courses: An undergraduate student at The College of William and Mary may take courses at the College numbered 500 or above for undergraduate credit to be counted toward the bachelor's degree provided that:

1. The student has a grade point average of at least 2.5 overall and 3.0 in the subject field of the course;
2. The student has the appropriate prerequisites;
3. The material offered in the course is relevant to the student's program and is not available in the undergraduate curriculum;
4. The student obtains prior approval of the instructor, the department chairperson, the Graduate Dean of Arts and Sciences, and the Committee on Degrees; and
5. The student shall not receive graduate credit for the course.

Undergraduate students of the College who have a grade point average of at least 3.0 may take for graduate credit in their senior year up to six hours of courses normally offered for graduate credit, provided that these hours are in excess of all requirements for the bachelor's degree and that the students obtain the written consent of the instructor, the chair of the department or dean of the School, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, and the Graduate Dean of Arts and Sciences, at the time of registration. Such students will be considered the equivalent of unclassified (post baccalaureate) students as far as the application of credit for these courses toward an advanced degree at the College is concerned.

Registration and Withdrawal

Continuing students should register for their courses in April for the fall semester and in November for the spring semester. Complete registration instructions are available on the University Registrar's web site at <http://www.wm.edu/registrar> in October for the spring semester and in March for summer school and fall semester. The Office of the University Registrar also coordinates registration for incoming freshmen and transfer students.

Add/Drop: For a period after the beginning of classes a student may add or drop courses. Deadlines and procedures for adding and dropping courses are available on the University Registrar's web site at <http://www.wm.edu/registrar>. Students who wish to add or drop classes must do so on or before the published deadlines. Unless correct procedures are followed, course changes have no official standing and will not be recognized as valid by the College. Courses dropped during the add/drop period are not displayed on the student's academic transcript. A student may not add or drop a course after the last day of add/drop except in unusual circumstances. In these cases, the student must submit a petition to the Committee on Academic Status. Petition forms are available through the Office of the Dean of Students. Petitions to add or drop a course must have the consent of the instructor. The faculty advisor's recommendation may be solicited as well.

Withdrawal from Course(s): After the add/drop period, students may withdraw with a grade of 'W' from a course through the ninth week of classes. The exact deadline is available on the semester combined calendar at <https://www.wm.edu/registrar/acad-calendars.php>. Students who withdraw from one or more courses must maintain a course load of at least 12 credits and must follow procedures established by the Office of the University Registrar. No other withdrawals are permitted without the approval of the Committee on Academic Status. Petition forms are available in the Office of the Dean of Students. Petitions for late withdrawal will be approved only for extraordinary reasons. Students without an approved underload who withdraw below the 12 credit hour minimum will be put back into the class(es).

Withdrawal from the College: A student who desires to withdraw from the College completely after the semester begins must apply to the Dean of Students for permission to withdraw before the end of the ninth week of the semester. A student who acts in that time frame can be confident of approval. After the ninth week, withdrawal is allowed only for unusual circumstances. Students who wish to withdraw after the deadline should consult with the Office of the Dean of Students. Failure to be officially withdrawn can result in grades of 'F' for all courses carried in that semester. Students who withdraw from the College in the first five full weeks of the semester are generally eligible for a partial refund of tuition and fees. Questions about refunds should be directed to the Office of the Bursar. For information regarding refund deadlines see Tuition and Other Expenses, Withdrawal Schedule.

Students who wish to withdraw from the College for the upcoming semester must fill out paperwork and complete an exit interview with the Office of the Dean of Students prior to the beginning of that semester. Such action results in cancellation of registration and housing for the following semester. It also assures that no charges will be assessed for the following term.

Medical Withdrawal from the College: With the written recommendation of a physician and/or psychologist, students unable to complete the requirements for registered classes in a semester, may petition for a full medical withdrawal from the College. The Medical Review Committee (a sub-committee of the Committee on Academic Status) reviews this request and supporting documentation. Granting of the full medical withdrawal removes the semester from counting in the College's 10 semester rule. Such action results in cancellation of registration and housing for the following semester. Readmission following a full medical withdrawal is not automatic and involves a clearance procedure which includes submission by the student of all necessary documentation addressing the behaviors or conditions which caused the original withdrawal. The student is expected to begin the clearance process not less

than one full month prior to the beginning of classes for the requested return semester. Readmission may be contingent upon additional restrictions or requirements for the student's safety and success.

Academic Suspension from the College: Students who fail to meet applicable probationary standards or continuance requirements will be suspended from the College. For details of requirements, see the Catalog section, "Continuance Standards."

System of Grading

Letter Grade	Quality Points		Credit Earned	Used to Calculate GPA?
	Per Credit Hour	Meaning		
A	4.00	Excellent	Yes	Yes
A-	3.70		Yes	Yes
B+	3.30		Yes	Yes
B	3.00	Good	Yes	Yes
B-	2.70		Yes	Yes
C+	2.30		Yes	Yes
C	2.00	Satisfactory	Yes	Yes
C-	1.70		Yes	Yes
D+	1.30		Yes	Yes
D	1.00	Minimal Pass	Yes	Yes
D-	0.70		Yes	Yes
F	0.00		Failure	No
P		Pass	Yes	No
W		Withdraw	No	No
WM		Medical Withdraw	No	No
G		Deferred Grade	No	No
NG		Grade Not Reported by Instructor	No	No
I			Incomplete	No
R		Indicates that a course must be repeated	No	No
O			Satisfactory Audit	No
U		Unsatisfactory Audit	No	No

Repeated Courses: Certain courses are specifically designated in the College catalog as courses that may be repeated for credit. With the exception of these specially designated courses, no course in which a student receives a grade of "A", "B", "C", "D", "G", "I" or "P" may be repeated except as an audit. Any course in which a student receives a grade of "F", "R" or "W" may be repeated for a grade; if a course with a grade of "F" is repeated, both the original grade of "F" and the grade earned in the repeated course will be included in calculating the student's Grade Point Average. Students are responsible for ensuring they do not register for a non-repeatable course more than once.

Incomplete Grades: An incomplete grade indicates that an individual student has not completed essential course work because of illness or other extenuating circumstances. This includes absence from the final examination and postponement of required work with approval of the instructor. It is the student's responsibility to make arrangements with the instructor to complete the work by a specified date (first full week of the upcoming semester for deferred examinations). "I" automatically becomes "F" if the work is not completed by the last day of classes of the following regular semester, or if the postponed work has not been completed satisfactorily by the date specified by the professor. Incomplete grades granted because of a deferred exam should be changed early in the following semester.

Pass/Fail: Degree-seeking academic juniors and seniors may elect to take one normally-graded course in Arts and Sciences and in Education for undergraduate credit on a Pass/Fail basis during each of the Fall and Spring semesters (Pass/Fail option is not available during the summer session.). This option must be selected during the add/drop period, which begins on the first day of classes. Selecting Pass/Fail is irrevocable after the add/drop period has ended. Courses taken on a Pass/Fail basis may not be used to satisfy proficiency, minor or major requirements. However, courses taken Pass/Fail in a student's major and failed will be calculated as part of the student's major GPA and all courses taken Pass/Fail and failed will be calculated as part of the student's cumulative GPA. Courses used to satisfy GERs may not be taken Pass/Fail except where courses have been designated Pass/Fail by the College, such as physical activity courses in the Department of Kinesiology. A student may elect to designate one normally graded course as Pass/Fail in addition to any classes that are designated as Pass/Fail only. Unclassified students may not select the Pass/Fail option. For instructions on how to select Pass/Fail for a course via Banner Self Service, visit the University Registrar's web site at <https://www.wm.edu/registrar>.

Audit: Degree seeking students may audit a course after obtaining permission of the instructor on the Permission to Audit form, which is available at <http://www.wm.edu/registrar>. Students may not select a course for audit via web registration. Audited courses receive grades. If the student meets the requirements for auditors prescribed by the instructor, the course will be included on the transcript with the grade 'O' (satisfactory audit). Where those requirements have not been met, the course will be included on the transcript with the grade 'U' (unsatisfactory audit). No credit nor quality points are earned. Audits do not count toward the 12 earned credit hour minimum required for undergraduate students.

Grade Review Procedures

A student who believes that a final course grade has been unfairly assigned must first discuss the grade with the instructor. If, after the discussion, the issue has not been resolved, the student must file a formal written statement requesting a grade review and give a full explanation of the reasons for the request. The student must file this request with the appropriate office by the end of the sixth week of the next regular semester following the semester in which the grade was received. Procedures for filing a grade review request differ by School. For Arts and Sciences courses, students should consult the Dean of Undergraduate Studies; for Business courses, students should consult the BBA program director; for Education courses, students should consult the Dean of the School of Education.

Dean's List

The Dean's List refers to those full-time degree-seeking undergraduate students who have completed at least 12 credit hours for a letter grade and earned a 3.6 Grade Point Average in one semester. This recognition is noted on the student's academic transcript.

Continuance Standards

In order to graduate, students must have completed 120 credits in academic subjects with a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 both overall and in their major. After each semester of full-time enrollment, the student must meet the minimum levels of academic progress established by the College and applied by the Committee on Academic Status. The minimum requirements for Continuance for undergraduates are the following cumulative

grade points and credits earned at William and Mary, including grade point and credits earned at William and Mary summer school:

Semester at William and Mary	W&M Cumulative GPA	W&M Cumulative Credits
1	1.7	9
2	1.7	21
3	1.85	33
4	2.0	48
5	2.0	60
6	2.0	72
7	2.0	84
8	2.0	96
9	2.0	108
10	2.0	120

The following regulations apply to the College's Continuance policy:

- Only W&M credit will count in determining whether students are meeting Continuance Standards. Transfer, Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) credit will not count for this purpose, although as specified by regulations in the Catalog these credits may count toward 120 credits required for graduation and toward general education and major requirements.
- Transfer students as well as freshmen begin at the College under the Continuance Standards for semester 1 in the above table.
- Students whose GPA falls below 2.0 in any semester will be placed on Academic Warning and receive a letter from the Office of the Dean of Students.
- Students whose academic work falls below the minimum GPA and/or earned credit Continuance Standards will be placed on probation for the following semester.
- Students on probation may not enroll in more than 16 credit hours per semester. Students who are on probation may not receive any incompletes for coursework during the semester(s) of probation.
- While on probation, students must earn a 2.0 semester GPA or better and pass at least 12 credits. Failure to do so will result in academic suspension.
- Students on probation must participate in the Academic Intervention Program administered by the Office of the Dean of Students during their probationary semester. Students on probation also must meet with their Academic Advisor before registering for the subsequent semester. Registration for the following semester will not be permitted until these requirements are met.
- Students on probation have two regular semesters to bring their academic work up to or beyond the Continuance Standards so long as they earn a 2.0 and pass at least 12 credits each semester. If they are unsuccessful in meeting or surpassing the Continuance Standards during their first probation semester, they remain on probation during the second semester and must participate in an Academic Intervention Program.
- Students who are placed on probation or are continuing on probation at the end of a semester but earned at least a 2.0 GPA and 12 credits during that semester will be removed from probation if they meet their Continuance Standards by the end of summer school. This applies only for work at W&M summer school. Determination of eligibility for removal from probation will be done at the end of that summer school.
- Students who do not meet the conditions for probation

will be suspended from the College for academic deficiencies. Those suspended for academic deficiencies are not in good standing with the College and are not automatically eligible for readmission. The Office of the Dean of Students will not process an application for readmission from a student who has been suspended unless the student has been reinstated to good standing by the Committee on Academic Status.

- Students may petition the Committee on Academic Status for individual exceptions to the above Continuance Standards. (Petition Forms are available at the Office of the Dean of Students or on the web at <http://www.wm.edu/deanofstudents/forms.php>.)
- Coursework taken elsewhere while not in good standing will not be accepted for transfer at the College.
- An unclassified student enrolled for 12 or more academic hours must meet the Continuance Standards applicable to the regularly enrolled student.

Continuance Standards for Flexible Track (FlexTrack) Nontraditional Degree Seeking Students: The minimum requirements for Continuance for nontraditional students are as follows:

- A minimum of 12 credits must be passed in a 12 month period.
- Students must complete within 10 years all degree requirements in effect at the time of entrance and all major requirements in effect at the time of the declaration of major.
- The Ten Semester Rule applies to all FlexTrack students.
- A 1.7 cumulative GPA must be achieved by the end of the term in which nine credits have been completed.
- A 1.7 cumulative GPA must be achieved by the end of the term in which 21 credits have been completed.
- A 1.85 cumulative GPA must be achieved by the end of the term in which 33 credits have been completed.
- A 2.0 cumulative GPA must be achieved by the end of the term in which 48 credits have been completed.
- A 2.0 cumulative GPA must be achieved by the end of each term of enrollment after 48 credits have been completed.

Reinstatement

Students who have been academically suspended and are not in good academic standing with the College, but who wish to seek readmission to The College of William and Mary, must submit a petition for reinstatement to good standing to the Committee on Academic Status. Petitions should be made in advance of the semester of intended return (July 15 for fall, December 1 for spring, or April 15 for summer). For information on specific procedures, contact the Office of the Dean of Students. Reinstatement to good standing and readmission to the College are not automatic, but at the end of certain specified periods the student is eligible to seek these considerations from the Committee on Academic Status and the Office of the Dean of Students respectively. A student who is suspended in January for academic deficiency may apply no earlier than April of the same year for reinstatement and readmission for summer or fall. A student who is suspended in May may apply no earlier than October for reinstatement and readmission to be effective in the spring semester. It is extremely unlikely that a student who is suspended twice from the College for academic deficiencies by the Committee on Academic Status will ever be reinstated to good standing.

Religious Accommodations Guidelines

The College of William & Mary urges its administrators, faculty members, and staff to be sensitive to the religious holidays of organized religions. All persons should be able to participate in the essential practices of their faith without conflict with academic requirements, as long as such practices are in accordance with state and federal regulations and consistent with safety regulations of the College. The College offers the following guidelines:

1. As soon as possible and no later than the end of the drop/add period, each student has the responsibility to inform his or her instructor of religious observances that are likely to conflict directly with classes and other required academic activities. Each student has the responsibility to arrange his or her course schedule to minimize conflicts. It is understood that when scheduling options exist for religious observances, the student has the responsibility to minimize conflicts.
2. Based upon prior agreement between the instructor and student, a student who misses a class meeting because of a scheduling conflict with religious observances should be allowed, whenever possible, to complete without penalty the work missed because of such absences. A student who is absent from a test or presentation because of the observance of a religious holiday should be able to reschedule it without penalty. Absence from a final examination requires that the examination be rescheduled through the established process for rescheduling of final examinations by the Dean of Students. Graduate students should contact the Dean of the School or his or her designee.
3. If a scheduling conflict with a student's planned absence cannot be resolved between the instructor and the student, undergraduates should inform the Dean of Students who will follow the established procedure for a class absence. Graduate students should contact the Dean of the School or his or her designee.
4. Faculty members and administrators in charge of scheduling campus-wide events should avoid conflicts with religious holidays as much as possible.