

Committee on Academic Status Annual Report
2001-2002 Academic Year
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New Regulations

No student on probation may take more than 15 credit hours without permission from CAS.

Having anecdotal evidence of an increase in the number of students on probation taking more than 15 hours and failing to meet their probation requirements, CAS proposed the above rule to the Educational Policy Committee in December, 2001. After several discussions between representatives of CAS and EPC, EPC accepted CAS institution of the regulation in May, 2002.

Activity for 2001-2002

At the end of the Add-Drop period for the Fall 2001 semester, 116 students were on probation, 42 under the old standards, 74 under the new. 18 of these students were freshman, 36 sophomores, 40 juniors, and 22 seniors. By the last day of classes of that semester, 109 were still on probation; 7 students had withdrawn for medical reasons or had had their probation rescinded by CAS. At the end of the semester, 87 of the 109 on probation had met their probation standards, 12 graduated, 20 were continued on probation, 29 were dropped for a minimum of one semester for failure to meet their probation, and 4 were dropped for the second and final time. In addition, 133 students were issued academic warnings for the Fall semester. Over the course of the semester, 282 additional actions were requested of CAS; 202 were approved.

A total of 186 students were on probation at the end of the Add-Drop period of the Spring 2002 semester; 77 of these were under the old standards, while 109 were under the new standards. The total, broken down by class, included 29 freshmen, 58 sophomores, 48 juniors and 51 seniors. 20 of the students on probation at the beginning of the semester medically withdrew or had their probations rescinded. Of the 166 students still on probation, 87 met their probation, 15 graduated, 29 were continued on probation, 27 were dropped for the first time, and 8 were dropped for the second and final time. 102 students were given academic warnings during the semester. CAS had 312 additional requests during the semester; 224 were approved.

The percentage of students meeting their probation standards has remained roughly the same for the past four years. During 1998-99 and 1999-00, 79% of the students met their probation. During 2000-01, 80% successfully completed their probation, while 76% were successful during 2001-02.

The demographics of students requesting actions by CAS has remained roughly the same as in the past, except for a slight increase in requests from Asian students and students of unknown ethnicity and a slight decrease in requests from Caucasian students.