

# Delgado

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## ACADEMIC STATUS

Reference:

[LCTCS Policy #1.020 “Academic Status”](#)

[LCTCS Policy #1.004 “General Admissions Policy Statement”](#)

*This information only pertains to Academic status. For Financial Aid status, see [Standards of Academic Progress \(SAP\)](#).*

A student’s academic status is a general indication of his or her eligibility to remain in school. It may affect a student’s eligibility for scholarships, special insurance rates, loans, work-study programs, and participation in intercollegiate athletics and other student activities. A student’s academic status is determined at the end of each semester and summer session.

There are three categories of academic status: academic good standing, academic probation and academic suspension. Students will receive official notification of academic status. Such notice is not a prerequisite to students being placed in one of the above categories. Delgado will attempt to inform students of any changes in academic status. Students have the responsibility to ascertain their academic status prior to the beginning of the next enrollment period.

### **Definitions**

*Quality Hours:* Quality hours are those credit hours for which a student registers and receives a grade of A-F. Credit courses for which a student receives a grade of “P”, “CR”, and “S” are included in earned hours, but not quality hours. Courses for which students register, but later withdraw with a “W” are included in attempted hours, but not quality hours.

*Cumulative Quality Hours:* Cumulative quality hours are all hours for which a student has registered and received a final grade of A-F at the college as well as all quality hours accepted in transfer (including hours that would have been accepted had the student not earned a grade of F).

*Adjusted Quality Hours:* Adjusted quality hours are those credit hours for which a student registers and receives a grade of A-F at the home institution, excluding those credit hours removed from the calculation of the student’s grade point average through a repeat/delete policy and/or those credit hours removed through Academic Amnesty.

*Adjusted Cumulative Grade Point Average* (adj cum GPA): This GPA is adjusted to exclude those quality hours and grades which have been removed from the calculation of a student's grade point average through a repeat/delete policy and/or Academic Amnesty. This adjusted cumulative grade point average will include grades earned at the home institution and is used to determine a student's academic status.

**Cumulative Average:** A student's cumulative grade point average (GPA) is calculated by dividing the total number of quality points earned by the total number of credit hours. (See "[Grading System](#)" in current catalog for the quality points assigned to each final grade.) Students have a Delgado Cumulative GPA based on all coursework taken at Delgado and a higher education cumulative GPA based on work at Delgado plus work at other regionally accredited institutions. The Delgado Community College cumulative is reflected on the semester grade report and in transcripts and is used to determine academic standing at the College.

**Good Academic Standing:** A student who has a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (C) or higher on all coursework attempted at Delgado Community College is considered to be in good standing. A 2.0 average occurs when the number of quality points is twice the number of credit hours attempted. Students who are provisionally allowed to take courses while on suspension do not revert to the status of good standing.

**Academic Probation:** A student will be placed on academic probation whenever the Delgado Community College adjusted cumulative GPA falls below 2.0. No student will be placed on probation before he/she has attempted at least 15 adjusted cumulative quality credit hours. The statement "Academic Probation" will be placed on the student's permanent academic record.

Once on academic probation, a student will remain on probation (as long as each semester average is at least a 2.0) until the adjusted cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher is achieved. While on probation, the student may enroll in up to 13 credit hours for the fall and spring semesters and 7 credit hours for the summer session. The College strives to provide academic advising and/or intervention for these students. Once an adjusted cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher is achieved, a student will be removed from probation.

**Academic Suspension:** A student who is on academic probation and who fails to achieve a semester grade point average of at least a 2.0 in the ensuing semester will be suspended for one semester. The statement "Academic Suspension" will be placed on the student's permanent academic record. No student will be suspended before he or she has attempted 24 adjusted cumulative quality hours.

***Delgado Students on First-Time Suspension***

Students who are on academic probation and who fail to achieve a semester grade point average of at least a 2.0 in the ensuing semester will be suspended for one semester. A Delgado student who is suspended for the first time at the end of the *fall semester* has the option of remaining out of school for the spring semester or auditing courses (maximum of nine credit hours), enrolling in developmental courses, and/or CCSS 107 or CCSS 108 with a maximum of 12 credit hours for the semester, as appropriately advised. He/she may appeal to attend and enroll in college-level courses the following spring semester in accordance with the procedures outlined in the College's [Academic Appeals Procedures](#) policy.

A Delgado student who is suspended for the first time at the end of the *spring semester* may attend the summer session and enroll in a maximum of 7 hours for the session. If the student raises his/her Delgado cumulative average to 2.0 during the summer session, the student may attend the fall semester. If the cumulative average remains below 2.0, the student is suspended for the following fall semester; however, he/she may appeal to attend and enroll in college-level courses the following fall semester in accordance with the procedures outlined in the College's [Academic Appeals Procedures](#) policy.

If the student chooses not to attend the summer session, the student has the option of remaining out of school for the fall semester or auditing courses (maximum of nine credit hours), enrolling in developmental courses, and/or CCSS 107 or CCSS 108 with a maximum of 12 credit hours for the semester, as appropriately advised. He/she may appeal to attend and enroll in college-level courses the following fall semester in accordance with the procedures outlined in the College's [Academic Appeals Procedures](#) policy.

If the Suspension Appeal is granted, a student who is allowed to enroll during his or her suspension semester is also placed on academic probation and does not revert to the status of good standing.

***Delgado Students on Second-Time Suspension***

Any Delgado student who is suspended for a second time for academic reasons during a fall semester must remain out of school for the following spring semester. Any Delgado student who is suspended for a second time for academic reasons during a spring semester must remain out of school for the following summer session and fall semester.

***Return to Good Standing***

A student who has been placed on academic suspension and achieved a 2.0 grade point average for the semester following reinstatement must maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average in each subsequent semester of attendance until he or she achieves a Delgado Community College cumulative grade point average of 2.0. Failure to make a 2.0 grade point average in any subsequent semester before the cumulative 2.0 grade point average is achieved will result in another one semester suspension.

## **Academic Status of Transfer Students**

### ***Transfer Students on Academic Probation or Suspension***

A transfer student who is on academic probation or suspension may be admitted to Delgado Community College in good standing once admission requirements are met in accordance with the [Delgado General Admissions Policy](#).

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#### ***Cancellation:***

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#### ***Policy Reference:***

[Louisiana Community and Technical College System Policy #1.020 “Academic Status”](#)  
[Louisiana Community and Technical College System Policy #1.004 “General Admissions Policy Statement”](#)

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