

Proposal for changes to JCU policy on probation

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Rationale: Based on research about the relationship between student success and connectivity, it is argued that students who are experiencing academic difficulty (herein defined by being placed on Academic Probation) would benefit from judicious continued involvement with varsity athletics and student organizations.

Therefore, I suggest that JCU's probationary policy should read as follows (current policy is reproduced directly below):

Academic Probation is the status of any student whose cumulative average falls below these standards:

0-12	earned hours	1.75	25-47	earned hours	1.90
13-24	earned hours	1.80	after 48	earned hours	2.00

Probation is imposed by the appropriate dean at the end of any semester in which the cumulative average is below these standards and continues for at least one semester until the required average is earned. Students on probation are subject to the following restrictions:

1. They may not register for a course load greater than they carried during the semester immediately preceding notice of probation. Normally registration is limited to 12-13 semester hours; in no case may a student on probation register for more than 15 semester hours.
2. Student athletes are not permitted to travel with varsity teams for competition, though they may be on the bench in street clothes for home contests. If the student chooses to continue to practice with the team a season of participation will be charged to their eligibility.
3. They may not pledge a fraternity or sorority, or hold any elective or appointive office on campus.

*This change has been discussed with and endorsed by the following people, pending faculty endorsement:

John Day (Academic Vice President), Lauren Bowen (Associate Academic Vice President), Nick Santilli (Associate Academic Vice President), Jim Krukones (Associate Academic Vice President), Jeanne Colleran (Dean – College of Arts & Science), Peter Kvidera (Associate Dean – College of Arts and Science), Mark Storz (Associate Dean Graduate School), Karen Schuele (Dean Boler School), Jim Martin (Associate Dean- Boler School), Laura Atkins (Associate Dean-Boler School), Lindsay Calkins (Associate Dean – Boler School), Mark McCarthy (Vice President Student Affairs), Sherri Crahen (Dean of Students), Laurie Massa (Sr. Director of Athletics), Andy Welki (Faculty Representative for Athletics), Kathy Di Franco (Registrar), Elaine Hocevar (Assistant Dean for Freshman), Diane Campbell (Assistant Dean for Sophomores), Sophie Kus (Assistant Dean for Juniors & Seniors), Beth Martin (former Interim Dean- College of Arts and Sciences)

Old Policy reads as follows in the Undergraduate Bulletin (120):

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1. They may not register for a course load greater than they carried during the semester immediately preceding notice of probation. Normally registration is limited to 12-13 semester hours; in no case may a student on probation register for more than 15 semester hours.
2. They may not engage in varsity or club sports.
3. They may not pledge a fraternity or sorority, or join other campus organizations; hold any elective or appointive office on campus; or serve on any student committee.

The proposed changes include revision of condition 2 and condition 3 and no other changes to existing wording.