



Academic Standing for Undergraduate Students



IMPORTANT NOTE:

The rules on this page apply for **All Students Except UNSW Canberra Students**. See this page on **Rules for UNSW Canberra students**.

Academic standing indicates your current progress toward completion of your program. UNSW has defined 8 categories of academic standing for undergraduate students. Each category has an impact on progression (enrolment) in a program.

This page describes what each level of academic standing means for undergraduate students. In all cases your standing at the end of the current semester/term is determined using your academic standing at the end of the previous semester/term, together with your academic achievement for the current semester/term. Any results obtained in the Summer Term will be included in the calculation of your academic standing for Semester 1/Term 1.

This page also tells you how your achievements in the following semester/term will affect your standing.

Please be aware that grades of PW (Permitted Withdrawal) and AW (Academic Withdrawal) are treated as fail grades when calculating academic standing.

Quick reference guide

Here you can find guides to rules for undergraduate academic standing.

If you have difficulty using the tables, please refer to the below 'Guide to your academic standing' or see the PDF version of this page.

Rules for Term 1, 2019

NOTE: Below is a quick reference guide to the rules for academic standing. For a more detailed explanation of the rules please refer to this **2019 Guide to Academic Standing**

Academic standing in previous semester	Nil progress (more than 6 UOC attempted & 0 UOC passed)
Good	Probation
Referral	Probation
Probation	Suspension
Suspension	Exclusion
Exclusion	Exclusion
Provisional Suspension	Suspension
Provisional Exclusion	Exclusion

Rules for Semester 2, 2018

NOTE: Below is a quick reference guides to the rules for academic standing. For a more detailed explanation please refer to this **2018 Guide to Academic Standing**

Academic standing in previous semester	Nil progress (more than 6 UOC attempted & 0 UOC passed)	Poor progress (more than 6 UOC attempted & 50% or less passed)	Satisfactory progress (more than 6 UOC attempted & more than 50% passed)	6 UOC or less attempted & all or some passed	6 UOC or less attempted & 0 passed
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Good	Probation	Referral	Good	Good	Referral
Referral	Probation	Probation	Good	Referral	Probation
Probation	Suspension	Suspension	Referral	Probation	Suspension
Suspension	Exclusion	Exclusion	Probation	Probation	Exclusion
Exclusion	Exclusion	Exclusion	Probation	Probation	Exclusion
Provisional Suspension	Suspension	Suspension	Referral	Probation	Suspension
Provisional Exclusion	Exclusion	Exclusion	Referral	Probation	Exclusion

Example: If your academic standing was 'Referral' in your previous semester of study, and in the following semester you enrol in more than 6 (UOC) units of credit but only pass 50% (or less), then your academic standing would be 'Probation'.

Guide to your academic standing

Here you can find out what needs to happen if your academic standing level is:

GOOD

You are making good progress. UNSW has no concerns.

What happens next term?

- If you enrol in the next term and pass **more than 50%** of your attempted load, your academic standing at the end of that term will remain GOOD.
- If you enrol in the next term and pass **up to 50%** of your attempted load, your academic standing at the end of that term will become REFERRAL.
- If you enrol in **more than 6** units of credit in the next term and pass **none** of the attempted load, your academic standing at the end of that term will become PROBATION.

REFERRAL

UNSW is concerned about your progress.

What happens now?

You **must** consult your Academic Advisor. We also strongly encourage you to contact these support services for advice on ways to improve your academic performance.

What happens next term?

- Your enrolment next term is subject to the approval of your Academic Advisor, and you must not finalise your enrolment without contacting them. The courses you are currently enrolled in for the next term may not be appropriate and you may not be permitted to remain enrolled in some courses.
- If you enrol in the next term and pass **more than 50%** of your attempted load, your academic standing at the end of that term will become GOOD.
- If you enrol in the next term and pass **up to 50%** of your attempted load, your academic standing at the end of that term will become PROBATION.
- If you enrol in **more than 6** units of credit in the next term and pass **none** of the attempted load, your academic standing at the end of that term will become PROBATION.

PROBATION

UNSW is very concerned about your progress.

What happens now?

You **must** consult your Academic Advisor. We also strongly encourage you to contact these support services for advice on ways to improve your academic performance.

What happens next semester?

- Your enrolment next term is subject to the approval of your Academic Advisor and you must not finalise your enrolment without contacting them. The courses you are currently enrolled in for the next term may not be appropriate and you may not be permitted to remain enrolled in some courses.
- If you enrol in the next term and pass **more than 50%** of your attempted load, your academic standing at the end of that term will become REFERRAL.
- If you enrol in the next term and pass **up to 50%** of your attempted load, your academic standing at the end of that term will become SUSPENSION.
- If you enrol in **more than 6** units of credit in the next term and pass **none** of the attempted load, your academic standing at the end of that term will become SUSPENSION.

PROVISIONAL SUSPENSION

UNSW is extremely concerned about your progress and believes that unless you address the issues that are affecting your academic progress, you will be suspended next term.

After the official release of results, students whose late or withheld marks would have placed them on an academic standing level of Suspension, will instead be assigned a standing level of Provisional Suspension. Provisional Suspension is treated similarly to Probation when calculating standing for future terms.

What happens now?

You are permitted to continue with your studies but **must** consult your Academic Advisor. We also strongly encourage you to contact these support services for advice on ways to improve your academic performance.

What happens next term?

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- If you enrol in the next term and pass **more than 50%** of your attempted load, your academic standing at the end of that term will become REFERRAL.
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- If you enrol in **more than 6** units of credit in the next term and pass **none** of the attempted load, your academic standing at the end of that term will become SUSPENSION.

PROVISIONAL EXCLUSION

UNSW is extremely concerned about your progress and believes that unless you address the issues that are affecting your academic progress you will be excluded next term.

After the official release of results, students whose late or withheld marks would have placed them on an academic standing level of Exclusion, will instead be assigned a standing level of Provisional Exclusion. Provisional Exclusion is treated similarly to Probation when calculating standing for future terms.

What happens now?

You are permitted to continue with your studies but **must** consult your Academic Advisor. We also strongly encourage you to contact these support services for advice on ways to improve your academic performance.

What happens next term?

- Your enrolment next term is subject to the approval of your Academic Advisor and you must not finalise your enrolment without contacting them. The courses you are currently enrolled in for the next term may not be appropriate and you may not be permitted to remain enrolled in some courses.
- If you enrol in the next term and pass **more than 50%** of your attempted load, your academic standing at the end of that term will become REFERRAL.
- If you enrol in the next term and pass **up to 50%** of your attempted load, your academic standing at the end of that term will become EXCLUSION
- If you enrol in **more than 6** units of credit in the next term and pass **none** of the attempted load, your academic standing at the end of that term will become EXCLUSION.

SUSPENSION

UNSW is extremely concerned about your progress and believes that a break in your studies is required in order to deal with the issues and problems that are affecting your academic progress.

What happens next?

Following your return from SUSPENSION:

- If you enrol in the next term and pass **more than 50%** of your attempted load, your academic standing at the end of that term will become PROBATION.
- If you enrol in the next term and pass **up to 50%** of your attempted load, your academic standing at the end of that term will become EXCLUSION.
- If you enrol in **more than 6** units of credit in the next term and pass **none** of the attempted load, your academic standing at the end of that term will become EXCLUSION.

Can I study a different program if suspended?

No. Academic standing is determined at the career level (i.e. undergraduate or postgraduate), rather than at the program level. As a result, if you are suspended from one program you cannot apply to study another program during the period of suspension.

Do you want to appeal?

- How to appeal suspension or exclusion

Re-admission

Suspension means that you are not permitted to re-enrol for a period of not less than one academic year, but you have automatic right of re-admission to the same program. However, if after the period of suspension you wish to undertake a program other than the one you were enrolled in, you will have to re-apply for admission in the usual manner. See Admissions information.

EXCLUSION

UNSW has serious concerns about your ability to complete your program. You have previously been assigned an academic standing level of SUSPENSION, which is why your academic standing level is now EXCLUSION.

What happens next?

You are excluded from the University for not less than 2 academic years and you must re-apply for re-admission at the

end of the exclusion period. See Admissions information.

Can I study a different program if excluded?

Academic standing is determined at the career level (i.e. undergraduate or postgraduate), rather than at the program level. As a result, if you are excluded from one program you cannot apply to study another program during the period of exclusion.

Do you want to appeal?

- How to appeal suspension or exclusion

Re-admission

If you are re-admitted to UNSW following your period of exclusion:

- If you enrol in the next term and pass **more than 50%** of your attempted load, your academic standing at the end of that term will become PROBATION.
- If you enrol in the next term and pass **up to 50%** of your attempted load, your academic standing at the end of that term will become EXCLUSION.
- If you enrol in **more than 6** units of credit in the next term and pass **none** of the attempted load, your academic standing at the end of that term will become EXCLUSION.

PENDING

- A standing of PENDING means that your academic standing cannot be calculated because of late or withheld results. Academic standing is re-calculated on a regular basis - shortly after your results are finalised, your academic standing will be adjusted accordingly.
- If you still have unfinalised grades (WD, WC and LE) on the date when academic standing is finalised, these grades will be converted to NC (Not Completed) and treated as failures when your academic standing is finalised for the term.

How to improve your academic performance

These support services can help you improve your academic standing.



Educational support advisors

For issues with academic and educational performance



Learning Centre

For all your referencing, writing and academic skills support



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