

ACADEMIC PROBATION

Any student whose cumulative grade point average falls below a C (2.0), after earning twelve (12) credit hours, will be placed on academic probation.

A student on academic probation must earn at least a C (2.0) average in the term immediately following placement on academic probation or the student will be dropped from the degree program. A student then must maintain a C (2.0) average in the term following such dismissal from the degree program to remain in the college.

A student who is placed on academic probation and who earns a C average in the term(s) following placement on academic probation will remain on academic probation until such time as the student's cumulative grade point average returns to C (2.0).

Notice of academic deficiency will appear on the student's transcript by semester. Each college and/or academic program will establish procedures to give timely warning of deficiency and its consequences to students. Deficiency warnings will be sent to all students to inform them that they are on academic probation.

When the student achieves a cumulative GPA of C (2.0), then he or she will have returned to academic good standing.

EDUCATIONAL GUARANTEE POLICIES (500.18 & 500.19)

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, as an expression of confidence in the faculty and staff and as a commitment to the students, shall guarantee to the public the effectiveness of its Transfer Degree and Technical Degree/Certificate programs. For more information, see the Appendices.

PASS/FAIL COURSES

Students exercising the pass/fail option must declare their intentions at registration and may not change to the traditional letter-grade option after the end of late registration. A grade of *F** (Fail) or *P* (Pass) will not be computed in the grade point average. Regular tuition and fees will be charged.

Students planning to transfer to senior institutions are discouraged from taking courses under the pass/fail option and should consult with their advisor before selecting this alternative.

In addition:

1. A student may take a maximum of twelve (12) pass/fail credit hours, with certain exceptions.
2. A student enrolled in transfer degrees may not take general education requirements for pass/fail credit.
3. A student enrolled in an Associate in Applied Science degree or certificate program may not take degree/certificate courses for pass/fail credit, except those requirements entitled "Internship," "Seminar," NUR 1206, or NUR 2205.
4. A student may take continuing education courses for pass/fail credit.
5. A student must earn a C or better to receive a P in a P/F course.

COURSE REPEAT POLICY (500.4)

A. A student may repeat a course without formal written permission of the college when one of the following three conditions is met (indicating eligibility of credit hour grant funding):

1. If, during the student's first enrollment in the course, the student completed the course and earned less than a grade of C or withdrew after midterm, the student may enroll in the course one additional time;
2. If a course has been approved by the ICCB to be repeated, the student may repeat the course as many times as approved by ICCB; or,
3. If the last time the student completed the course was at least four years previously, and the student repeated the course to upgrade his/her skills in that area. This option may only be utilized once per course.

The Board of Trustees established tuition rate shall apply.

B. A student may repeat a course with formal written permission of the college when the student has previously completed the course and was claimed for credit hour grant funding. The student may be claimed for retaking the course if the student uses his/her option to retake the course tuition free under the college's educational guarantee program. Provisions set forth in the Educational Guarantee Policies shall apply.

C. When a student repeats a course that is not eligible for credit hour grant funding (eligibility outlined in section A above), all students, except international students, will pay the applicable out-of-state tuition rate for the course enrolled. For international students, the Board of Trustees established tuition rate shall apply.

D. For courses that were approved by ICCB to be repeated, all grades will appear on the transcript and be calculated in the GPA.

E. For any other courses that are repeated, grades are recorded on the student's transcript. The higher of the grades and its credit will be used in computing the cumulative grade point average. The other course grade(s) will be suffixed with an "R" to indicate the course was repeated and will not be used in computing grade point average.

GRADE FORGIVENESS

After three years, students may petition the Academic Standards Committee to "forgive" grades of *F* or *WF* (Withdrawal Failing) previously earned in a certificate or degree program. "Forgiven grades" will not be calculated by IECC in the student's cumulative grade point average, but will remain on the transcript. If a student transfers to another college or university, the receiving institution may recalculate the GPA to include forgiven grades. (*WP* and *WF* grades have not been awarded by IECC since the 1998 summer semester.)

Students must maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average to graduate from IECC. They should also check with the Financial Aid Office to determine the academic requirements for maintaining eligibility for financial aid.

The Academic Standards Committee may waive the three-year limitation for grade forgiveness but may not grant a student more than one petition for grade forgiveness. Approval of the grade forgiveness will be granted by the IECC institution into which the student is admitted for re-entry.

AUDITING

A student who wishes to audit a course must obtain permission from the Student Services Office. Registration procedures and tuition charges are the same as when enrolling for credit. Auditing students are not required to take examinations. Audited courses cannot be counted toward graduation requirements, but credit is counted as a part of the total student load. Students may change from audit to credit or credit to audit during the first five (5) class days for courses meeting three (3) or more times per week.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY (500.30)

Students may add, drop, or withdraw from courses during specifically set forth days as established by Illinois Eastern Community Colleges (IECC).

Refund Period

A refund of 100 percent of the tuition and fees will be made to a student who withdraws during the first 10 business days of a sixteen-week course period and the first 5 business days of an eight-week course period or the proportionate time of any other course not conforming to a sixteen-week or eight-week schedule.

Academic Record

Courses dropped before the start or during the refund period of a semester do not become part of a student's academic record. If a student attends and withdraws after a refund period, a *W* (withdraw) becomes part of the student's academic record. Failure to follow the official withdrawal policy will result in a grade of *F*.

Student Initiated Drop or Withdrawal

A student is responsible for initiating a drop or withdrawal request by contacting Student Services and completing a Course Change Form (withdrawal form). The student is encouraged to meet with the instructor, his or her Academic Advisor or Retention Coordinator, and the Financial Aid Office before withdrawing from any course.

Withdrawal requests must be received in Student Services no later than two weeks prior to the last day of classes of any regular length semester. Students are advised to contact Student Services for withdrawal deadlines for courses not conforming to a sixteen-week schedule.

Administrative Withdrawal

Prior to an administrative withdrawal, the instructor should submit a Progress Report to allow the Retention Coordinator or Academic Advisor to contact the student. If there is no resolution, i.e. a student-initiated withdrawal, an instructor may recommend an administrative withdrawal after mid-term for a student, if such withdrawal is deemed to be in the best academic interest of the student. The administrative withdrawal must be approved by the Dean of Instruction. The Student Services/Student Records Office will notify the student and Coordinator of Financial Aid of the student's administrative withdrawal.

Upon review and approval by the Dean of Instruction, faculty may request to withdraw a student from their course with a failing grade due to plagiarism, cheating, non-attendance, or other gross infractions as outlined in the Academic Integrity Policy (500.25) and/or described in the course syllabi.