

POLICY ON ACADEMIC STANDING

NORMAL LOAD AND PROGRESS: The normal academic load for a full-time student is four Evergreen units per quarter. Normal progress toward the baccalaureate degree for a full-time student is at the rate of 12 Evergreen units per academic year, earned in three quarters of study. A student may accelerate normal progress only by enrolling for a fourth quarter of study each academic year.

DECELERATION: A full-time student may reduce his credit load to 0 (via leave of absence), 1, 2, or 3 Evergreen units for one quarter with the approval of the Registrar. In the succeeding quarter, the student must seek the approval of the Registrar to resume a full load of four units. Any changes in the numbers of units for which a student is registered must be submitted to the Registrar no later than the sixth class day of any quarter.

ACADEMIC STANDING: Since The Evergreen State College follows a "credit/ no entry" system of maintaining student records, a student's transcript contains only information regarding the work he or she has successfully completed. Some recognition, of a non-punitive but rather consultive basis, needs to be made of the student who is not making satisfactory progress as defined below. The following stages of academic standing have been designed to allow the student having trouble the maximum amount of advise and counsel in resolving those difficulties. At the same time, it acknowledges that if a student is unable or unwilling to do his or her best work at Evergreen, his or her space should be given to someone else.

If, during any quarter, a student is in danger of earning less than full credit for which he or she is registered, he or she should be notified in writing of that danger.

1. Academic Warning: A student who earns fewer than nine out of 12 possible Evergreen units in three successive quarters will receive an academic warning from the Deans, a copy of which will also go to the student's current or pre-registered coordinator or sponsor. This warning will strongly encourage that the student seek counseling from a member of the faculty or staff members in the office of Counseling Services.
2. Required Leave of Absence: A student who has received an academic warning and who, at the end of the subsequent three quarters has earned fewer than nine out of 12 possible units will be required to take a leave of absence, normally for one full academic year. A required leave of absence is subject to the consideration of the Deans. Re-entry at the end of the leave is contingent upon evidence of the student's readiness to assume his responsibilities, including an accounting of his activity in the intervening period.
3. Dismissal: A student who returns from a required leave of absence must earn full credit in the program in which he is enrolled upon his return. Failure to earn full credit in that or any subsequent quarter will constitute grounds for dismissal, and the student will be denied further admission and registration. The action of dismissal will be subject to consideration by the Deans before it becomes effective.