DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Frequently Asked Questions and General Information

Academic Probation and Academic Disqualification

Each student’s GPA for each quarter, as well as their overall UC Davis GPA, is monitored quarterly by the Office of the University Registrar and the Dean’s Office for each college. If either the GPA for the quarter or the overall GPA falls below 2.0 (straight C’s), a student’s transcript will indicate that they are on Academic Probation. If a student’s GPA is less than 1.5, their transcript will indicate that they are Subject to Disqualification for Qualitative Reasons.

Students in either status will be sent an email from the Undergraduate Dean’s Office of their college detailing campus policy, and appeal information in the case of dismissals. More information can be found at http://catalog.ucdavis.edu/academicinfo/dismiss.html, under Qualitative Standards.

Drop Deadlines

Drop deadlines are absolute. Classes may either have a 10-day drop or a 20-day drop deadline. They are listed on the Course Summary for each class on http://classes.ucdavis.edu. Once the drop deadline has passed, students may only receive late drop permission (a Permission to Drop, or PTD number) from the Dean’s Office of a student’s college.

Email

Students are responsible for checking their UC Davis email regularly. This has become the official method used by most offices on campus to provide important information, including probations and dismissals. Missing campus opportunities, assistance, or deadlines because email has been ignored or deleted unread is not an acceptable excuse.

Grades and Repeating Courses

A C- grade or higher in any course may not be repeated. A D+, D, or D- grade will usually give students credit for a course, but may be repeated. The second grade will then be the grade of the record, not the better of the two. The original grade is removed from GPA calculations but not from the student’s transcript. This is valid for up to 16 units of credit. After 16 units of credit have been repeated, any other repeats are averaged into the GPA.

An F grade in a required course must be repeated to receive a passing grade and credit toward your degree. An F grade in an elective course may be repeated, if desired. Students should check with an advisor if they are not sure whether or not they should repeat a course.

Repeating any course for the second time (taking it a third time) requires approval from the Dean’s Office of a student’s college. A form must be completed and submitted in advance of taking the course. These requests are not always approved.

Minimum Progress, Expected Progress and Financial Aid

UC Davis expects students to complete an average of 15 units per quarter, or 45 units per academic year, which is called Expected Progress. UC Davis requires that students pass an average of 13 units per quarter, or 39 units per academic year, which is called Minimum Progress.
Students who do not meet Minimum Progress will be notified via email at the end of Spring Quarter for that academic year. They will have through Fall Quarter to make up the units, for a total of 52 units through those four quarters. Classes taken during Summer Session will count towards those 52 units. Further information on minimum progress can be found at http://catalog.ucdavis.edu/academicinfo/dismiss.html, under Quantitative Standards.

For financial aid to fully disburse, students are expected to be full-time students, and taking a minimum of 12 units per quarter. Taking less than 12 units means that financial aid will not fully disburse. Students must be registered for a minimum of 12 units before the Registration Freeze for the next quarter – waitlisted units will not count. For summer sessions, students must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 units between both summer sessions to receive financial aid. More information can be found at http://financialaid.ucdavis.edu/consumer/changes.html, under Changes in Enrollment.

Passed / Not Passed

Students in the College of Letters and Science may opt to take courses using Passed / Not Passed (P/NP) grading, up to a certain limit prescribed by the university. More information can be found at http://catalog.ucdavis.edu/academicinfo/grades.html, under Passed / Not Passed (P/NP) Grading.

Students in the College of Engineering may not opt to take courses toward degree requirements using Passed / Not Passed (P/NP) grading. Engineering students must go through the Engineering Dean’s Office for permission to opt for P/NP in the few instances where it is acceptable, such as courses that will not be used towards the current, officially enrolled degree.

Classes that are only offered P/NP, such as ENG 1, are not subject to this restriction.

Pass I, Pass II, and Wait-listing

Students may sign up for a maximum of 17 units during Pass I. Certain classes are major restricted during Pass I. If a student is not in one of the restricted majors for a class, they may not sign up for the class until Pass II. During Pass II, students may sign up for a maximum of 19 units.

Wait-lists open during Pass II for classes that are full, and remain in place until the 12th day of the quarter, when they disappear. As students drop out of a course, students on the wait-list are automatically added into the course in the order of the list; students will be notified when this occurs. There is no guarantee of being added to a course while on the wait-list. Any holds on a student’s record will prevent them from moving up on the list or into the class.

Always try to attend the first class of the quarter to find out from the instructor if it is likely that students on the wait list will get in. It often depends on the size of the classroom. Have alternate course(s) in mind, just in case spaces do not open up for the class in time.

Student Judicial Affairs (SJA)

The Office of Student Judicial Affairs serves the campus by enforcing student conduct standards and by upholding student rights and responding to student grievances. SJA works with students, faculty, administrators and staff to promote academic integrity, ethics, and student learning in a safe and civil campus environment. As members of our academic community and society at large, students have rights and responsibilities, and are expected to comply with the law, in addition to university and campus policy. More information can be found at http://sja.ucdavis.edu.