

## Staying Academically Healthy

Welcome to the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences of Virginia Tech. I am pleased that you have chosen one of our many programs as your major and I look forward to our years together as you complete a degree. Speaking of completing your degree, I want to remind you of the importance of maintaining a grade point average that will help you achieve all of your goals. While it may seem farfetched to you, it is true that some first year students who were honors students in high school are on academic probation or suspension at the end of their first year at Virginia Tech. Don't be one of these people! Take advantage of all of the support systems available at Virginia Tech and stay academically healthy! The minimum standard for academic good standing at Virginia Tech is maintaining a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or above. This is a "C" average. I know you can do it! I review your academic performance at the end of every regular semester (Fall and Spring) and I enforce the policies outlined below.

Good Luck.

Dr. Karen Watson

Director of Academic Support

**Academic Probation** will be imposed if your cumulative GPA is less than 2.00. If you are on academic probation, you

- may take no more than 16 credits per semester, and/or
- may be required to consult with your academic advisor and/or sign an academic contract that specifies the actions you need to take to improve your performance

Academic probation will be removed when your cumulative GPA reaches 2.00.

**First Academic Suspension** will be imposed if

- you have two consecutive semesters (fall/spring or spring/fall) with a cumulative GPA below 2.0. The suspension will consist of one semester which is served in the semester immediately following the second semester with a cumulative GPA below a 2.0, (suspension includes summer and fall if placed on suspension at the end of spring).

**Returning Academic Performance** standards require the following minimum level of performance to continue enrollment:

- you must earn a minimum GPA of 2.00 the first semester following First Suspension and raise your cumulative GPA to at least 2.00 by the end of the second semester after you return, or
- you must earn a 2.50 GPA or higher for every semester following First Suspension until your cumulative GPA is 2.00 or greater

**Second Academic Suspension** shall be imposed if you fail to meet the “Returning Academic Performance” requirements when you return from First Academic Suspension as outlined above and shall consist of

- a one calendar year suspension from Virginia Tech following its imposition, and
- returning academic performance after a Second Academic Suspension shall be the same as those following a First Academic Suspension as outlined above.

**Permanent Academic Suspension** shall be imposed subsequent to Second Academic Suspension if you fail to meet the Returning Academic Performance requirements stipulated above.

**Appeals** Students placed on First, Second or Permanent Academic Suspension have the right to appeal each suspension to the University Academic Appeals Committee. Contact Dr. Lewis if you wish to appeal.

*Reference: Presidential Policy Memorandum 191, Approved April 19, 1999*