5.2 SCHOLASTIC STANDARDS

5.2.1 Grading/Standards of Academic Progress

GRADING

Described below are the Grading System and Standards of Academic Progress for all students of Wayne County Community College District.

A = 4.0 Excellent
B = 3.0 Above Average
C = 2.0 Average
D = 1.0 Below Average
E = 0.0 Failure to complete course requirements satisfactorily
CR = Credit by Examination
CRE = Credit for Experience
I* = Incomplete – “I” grades may be awarded only after the last published date for official withdrawal from classes. The student must be passing the class in order to qualify for an “I” grade.

V** = Audit – students visiting or auditing courses for no credit must declare this option during registration. Veteran and Financial Aid students are not eligible to take “V” courses.

WI*** = Withdrawal by the Institution for failure to attend any class during the first one third (1/3) of the semester. NOTE: This withdrawal does not mitigate the financial responsibility incurred at registration.

W*** = Student Withdrawal during the first half of the semester.

WP*** = Withdrawal by the student doing passing work through the twelfth (12th) week of classes. Must have faculty permission.

WF*** = Withdrawal by the student doing failing work through the twelfth (12th) week of classes. Must have faculty permission.

*District policy requires all students who earn an incomplete (“I”) grade to complete that course by the end of two consecutive terms after the term in which the “I” grade was given. Failure to complete course requirements within that time limit shall result in a grade of “E” replacing the “I” grade. Repetition of a course for which an “I” grade was received has no effect on the resolution of the original grade. A grade of “Incomplete” is given only when an unforeseen emergency prevents the student from completing the work in a course in which the student is passing and is given at the discretion of the instructor (only the last two [2] weeks of the semester).

**Courses selected for audit (“V”) cannot be converted to letter grades without repeating the course.

***While the grades V (Audit), WI (Institutional Withdrawal), or W, WP, WF, and XW (Withdrawal by the student) are not calculated as part of the official grade point average, all W grades will be counted in determining satisfactory progress for students receiving financial aid, veteran’s benefits, and continuing eligibility.

XW*** = Walk-Away Status – applies to a student who attends at least one class during the first third of the semester, but fails to attend or officially withdraw from the course for the remaining two-thirds (2/3) of the semester.
STANDARDS OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS BASED ON GRADE POINT AVERAGE

1. Good Standing: A Student is in good standing who maintains a 2.0 or above cumulative grade point average (GPA). The cumulative GPA will consist of the total Wayne County Community College District credits carried.

2. Total credits carried in computing the cumulative GPA will not include:

   a. ****The lowest grade and those credits for a class which has been repeated, or;
   b. Classes on a CR, CRE, or V option and classes which are dropped during the official drop period (WP).

***While the grades V (Audit), WI (Institutional Withdrawal), or W, WP, WF, and XW (Withdrawal by the student) are not calculated as part of the official grade point average, all W grades will be counted in determining satisfactory progress for students receiving financial aid, veteran’s benefits, and continuing eligibility.

****Students may not repeat for credit any course for which they have earned a “C” or higher grade at Wayne County Community College District. Exceptions may be made in special circumstances at the direction of the Vice Chancellor for Educational Affairs.

3. Probationary Status: Any student who has a cumulative GPA of less than 2.0 for three consecutive semesters is placed on probation. A student will be notified of probationary status on the semester grade report. This notice will be no later than the sixth (6th) week of the following semester. When a student is placed on probation, the following steps must be followed:

   a. The student will be assigned a counselor for prescriptive assessments and the determination of appropriate courses. It will be the student’s responsibility to contact the counselor to schedule an appointment.
   b. A probationary student may not elect more than 9 credit hours for the fall/spring semesters; six (6) credit hours in the summer unless that student has the written authorization of the Vice Chancellor of Educational Affairs or designee specified in writing in the student’s division.
   c. The student must schedule regular meetings with a counselor during the academic probation period.
   d. Continuing Probationary Status occurs when a GPA for a semester is 2.0 and the cumulative GPA remains below 1.99. If a student maintains a cumulative GPA of less than 2.0 for three consecutive semesters, that student is excluded from enrollment at Wayne County Community College District for one semester. A student may apply for re-entry through the Admissions office.

4. A Veteran Student whose cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 for two consecutive semesters will not be eligible for VA certification until he/she has once again achieved a cumulative 2.0 GPA

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