

## College of Engineering Academic Disciplinary Rules

### The Grade Point Average System versus the Deficit Point System

In addition to monitoring the Grade Point Average (GPA) of students, the College also uses the Deficit Point system to determine probation and drop decisions. The Deficit Point system has the advantage over the GPA system in that it clearly indicates the future academic performance a student must achieve to return to clear status.

Examine the scale below on a per semester hour basis.

Letter Grade	Grade Points		Deficit Points
A	4		+2
B	3		+1
C	2	(2.00 Minimum Graduation GPA Required)	0
D	1		-1
F	0		-2

If a student takes one 3-hour class and receives a grade of “D”, then this student would have a GPA of 1.00 and -3 deficit points. If another student takes four 3-hour classes and receives all D’s, then this student would also have a GPA of 1.00, but would have -12 deficit points. Although they both have the same GPA, the second student with -12 deficit points is having more serious academic difficulty.

A student with negative deficit points must earn a positive number of deficit points in the future to bring the total back up to zero. Thus, a student with -12 deficit points must earn a combination of A’s and B’s for the number of hours taken to yield +12 deficit points to return to clear status.

**Students on probation are limited to a maximum of 14 hours during the Fall and Spring terms and 7 hours during the Summer.**

### Probation Rules

#### Rule 1

A less serious probation level is called **2.00 Pro**. This probation is for any student whose Term GPA is below 2.00, but whose Cumulative GPA is above 2.00. In the next semester, the student is expected to earn no grade less than C to continue.

#### Rule 2

Any student whose UIC Cumulative GPA falls below 2.00 is placed on a probation called **2.25 Pro**. In the next semester, the student is expected to earn no grade less than C and at least one B in order to continue. A student is not required to return to clear status in one semester. For example, if a student finishes their first semester with -10 deficit points, then finishes the second semester with 3 hours of B and 3 hours of C, this student will have reduced their total deficit points to -7. Although the student is still on probation, the student satisfied the probation conditions and is allowed to continue. At this rate of +3 deficit points per term, it will take the student 4 semesters to return to clear status.

#### Rule 3

Graduation with a degree from the College of Engineering requires a minimum GPA of 2.00 in the major courses. Major courses are those required in the specific degree program as listed in the UIC Undergraduate Catalog. Rules 1 and 2 described above are also applied to the major courses.

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## **Drop Rules**

### **Rule 1**

Any student who was on probation and did not satisfy the conditions of their probation may be dropped.

### **Rule 2**

A student who fails to make satisfactory progress toward a degree in the College of Engineering may be dropped. Examples of unsatisfactory progress are: -12 deficit points, excessive number of incomplete grades, failure to take courses required for the degree.

**Students who are dropped for the first time should contact the College Office at 312-996-3463 to schedule an Exit Interview. During the Exit Interview, the student's reasons for academic difficulty and the requirements to be considered for readmission will be discussed.**

### **Rule 3**

This rule applies to those students who had previously been dropped, were readmitted, and failed to meet the probation conditions necessary to continue in the College of Engineering. Students who have been dropped multiple times should pursue some other career goals. Only in rare cases will a student be readmitted after being dropped twice.