Grades Matter!

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT
ALLAN HANCOCK COLLEGE
Topics Today

• Good Standing Policy
• Priority Registration and California College Promise Grant (CCPG) Fee Waiver Requirements
• Academic and Progress Probation
• Strategies to Regain Good Standing
• Time Management
• Student Support Services on Campus
Good Standing

AHC requires you to maintain a specific level of academic performance.
• You are required to maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA, and
• You are required to complete more than 50% of your cumulative attempted units

When you are not in good standing with the college, you will be placed on probation. Being on probation will affect:
• Your priority registration date
• Your California College Promise Grant (CCPG) Fee Waiver (formerly known as BOG)

2.0 GPA & More than 50% of Units
Good Standing Benefits

• Eligible for Priority Registration
• Eligible for the California College Promise Grant (CCPG)
• Graduate and Transfer on time
• No unit registration restrictions
• Eligible for Student Support Services on Campus
Appealing CCPG Fee Waiver & Priority Registration Eligibility

Reasons to reinstate your eligibility:

• Demonstrated Significant Academic Improvement by earning a recent 2.0 semester GPA and completing more than 50% of your semester attempted units

• Not enrolled at AHC for two consecutive primary semesters

• Verifiable Disability

• Verifiable Extenuating Circumstance
Financial Aid Eligibility

Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards (SAP)
- Minimum of a 2.0 cumulative GPA from ALL grades earned at Hancock.
- Completion of at least 67% of the cumulative units attempted at Hancock.
- Must complete goal by the time the student has attempted 90 units.

Students will only receive ONE warning semester for not meeting the progress standards. If the student fails to meet SAP standards, their financial aid will be cancelled.

SAP will be calculated using units for all classes that appear on the student’s academic transcript.
Types of Probation
Academic Probation

Your cumulative GPA is below a 2.0.

STUDY HARD AND GET HIGH GPA
**Progress Probation**

You have not completed more than 50% of your cumulative attempted units and have earned too many withdrawals (W), incompletes (I), or no pass (NP) notations on your transcript.

### Fall 2016

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Course</th>
<th>Units</th>
<th>Grade</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ENGLISH 101</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>B</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AJ 101</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>NP</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PD 101</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>W</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SPCH 101</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>W</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Attempted Units= 13 units  
Completed Units= 4 units  
Completion Rate= 31%

RESULT: Progress Probation
PROBATION POLICY

1st Probation (Warning)

2nd Probation (9 unit limit)

Dismissal (Registration Block)

Not eligible for CCPG Fee Waiver and Priority Registration.
Dismissal

A student who does not meet the college’s minimum academic standards will be dismissed from the college and is required to sit-out for the subsequent semester.

A dismissed student wishing to reenroll after he/she has sat-out is required to go through the reinstatement process.
Reinstatement Process

After sitting out for one full semester (summer and winter do not count), you may request to be reinstated. If you provide reasonable assurance that you are prepared to succeed, a counselor will approve your reinstatement and create a contract. Call the Counseling Department to speak to a counselor, 805-922-6966 ext.3293.

Reinstatement Deadline 2020-2021:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Classes</th>
<th>Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Summer 2020 Classes</td>
<td>May 29, 2020</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fall 2020 &amp; Term 1 Classes</td>
<td>July 31, 2020</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Term 2 Classes</td>
<td>October 2, 2020</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winter 2021 Classes</td>
<td>December 4, 2020</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>January 2021 &amp; Term 3 Classes</td>
<td>January 8, 2021</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Term 4 Classes</td>
<td>March 12, 2021</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Strategies to Improve your Academic Standing
Meet with a Counselor

Meet with a counselor to review your academic performance. A counselor will determine the best way to go about improving your academic record.

Don’t wait to see a counselor. The earlier, the better.
Students may not attempt a course more than 3 times.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Course</th>
<th>Term</th>
<th>Grade</th>
<th>Attempt</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>MATH 331</td>
<td>FALL 2016</td>
<td>W</td>
<td>1ST ATTEMPT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MATH 331</td>
<td>SPRING 2017</td>
<td>W</td>
<td>2nd ATTEMPT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MATH 331</td>
<td>SUMMER 2017</td>
<td>D</td>
<td>3RD ATTEMPT</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Student is now blocked to reenroll in MATH 331.*

Course Repetition

This strategy allows a student to repeat a course in which he/she earned a substandard grade (D or F). Students should only repeat courses that are required for their academic goal. Talk to a counselor prior to repeating a course.
When course repetition occurs, all substandard grades will remain visible on the student’s transcript ensuring a true and complete academic history. Only the first two substandard grades will be alleviated from the GPA.
A student may request up to 3 semesters of substandard grades to be alleviated.

A student may choose to alleviate the entire semester or specific grades within the semester.

**Requirement:**

1 year has passed since the work to be alleviated was completed;

Must have completed the following at AHC or at another accredited college

- 18 semester units with at least a 2.4 GPA, or
- 24 semester units with at least a 2.0 GPA
# Academic Renewal

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Spring 2016</th>
<th>Summer 2016</th>
<th>Fall 2016</th>
<th>Fall 2017</th>
<th>Spring 2018</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ENGL 101</td>
<td>F</td>
<td>ENGL 101</td>
<td>D</td>
<td>B</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MATH 331</td>
<td>F</td>
<td>ART 101</td>
<td>F</td>
<td>WLDT 106</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HED 100</td>
<td>D</td>
<td>POLS 101</td>
<td>F</td>
<td>HED 100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SPCH 101</td>
<td>D</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>ENGL 101</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Units= 14</td>
<td>Units= 3</td>
<td>Units= 10</td>
<td>Units= 9</td>
<td>Units= 10</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

1 year has passed and 18 units with 2.4 GPA
-or-
24 units with 2.0 GPA

Completed 19 units with a **3.16 GPA**
Struggling in a class?

Steps to take:
• Speak to your instructor as soon as possible. Visit their office hours.
• After you have spoken to your instructor, see a counselor to discuss your options.
• Check out Tutorial Services in the Academic Resource Center (ARC).
• Utilize other student support services on campus such as:
  ◦ Math/Writing Center
  ◦ Financial Aid
  ◦ Learning Assistance Program
  ◦ STEM/MESA tutoring /study groups
Time Management

- School
- Family
- Work
- Extracurricular Activities
How many units should I enroll in?

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Recommended Work (HR/WK)</th>
<th>Recommended Semester Units</th>
<th>Estimated Study Time</th>
<th>Total Hours per Week</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>40</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>58</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>30</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>57</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>56</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>55</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>54</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Student Education Plan

You are required to complete a comprehensive Student Education Plan (SEP) within your first semester at AHC.

An SEP will list all your required courses you must complete in order to reach your educational goal.

- Certificate
- Associate Degree
- Transfer

Students who complete and follow their plan, tend to graduate and/or transfer faster than those that don’t have a plan.
DegreeWorks!
One Last Thing...

Counselors are here to help guide you through your educational pursuits at AHC.

Schedule an appointment (922-6966)
- Santa Maria ext. 3293
- Lompoc ext. 5200
- VAFB ext. 3250
- Solvang ext. 3355