

College of Health Sciences Undergraduate Academic Probation and Suspension Policy

The College of Health Sciences (CHS) is a selective admissions college, with several undergraduate programs all requiring students to obtain a minimum grade point average (GPA) to be in good standing. It is important for students who are not able to overcome academic challenges in the coursework in each CHS major to select another major in which they can succeed in a more timely manner.

Undergraduate Program Probation

A College of Health Sciences (CHS) student is placed on ***CHS probation*** if the student earns a grade-point average (GPA) of less than 2.0 in any given term (semester), even if the student's cumulative UK GPA is 2.0 or higher. Students on ***CHS probation*** are required to meet with their academic advisor and develop a recovery plan.

There are 2 possible scenarios for the student placed under probation and recovery:

- **Scenario 1:** The student successfully completes the remediation plan, earning a semester GPA of 2.0 or higher AND earns at least a grade of "C" (2.0) in each course required for the major (pre-requisite courses and major courses).
 - At this point, the student is **removed from *CHS probation*** and regains good standing status in the College.
- **Scenario 2:** The student does not successfully complete the recovery plan and fails to meet any or all requirements for removal of probation.

Undergraduate Program Suspension from the College of Health Sciences

A CHS student may be suspended for any of the following reasons:

1. The student fails to successfully complete an academic recovery plan.
2. The student earns a GPA of less than 2.0 in any given semester AND has a cumulative UK GPA below 2.0, including the first semester at the University of Kentucky.
3. The student earns less than a 1.5 GPA in any semester.

In all cases, the suspended student will be required to select a new major outside of the CHS.

Note: If a student admitted to a selective admissions program fails to meet the programs academic standards, the programs' policies for probation and suspension, if more stringent, supersede the College's Academic Probation and Suspension policy.

Removal from Suspension

A student suspended from the College of Health Sciences may petition for reinstatement only if obtaining a cumulative GPA in accordance with the respective program's admission standards (see list below) and completed all pre-requisite courses and major courses with a "C" or better. Students who fail a major course and are placed on suspension must petition the program to repeat the major course while on suspension. Students have the opportunity to use the three repeat options that the University allows in order to facilitate the improved GPA required and individual course grades. In accordance with the University policy, courses may only be repeated one time to receive credit and calculation in the GPA unless a Repeat Option is processed. Any additional attempts will not count if the student earned a passing grade in the second attempt and a Repeat Option is not processed.

Program	GPA minimum
Clinical Leadership and Management	2.8
Pre-Communication Sciences and Disorders	3.0
Human Health Sciences	3.0
Pre-Medical Laboratory Sciences	2.5

It is important to note that our college has high admissions standards for each of our selective admissions programs. Thus, this is taken into consideration when making reinstatement decisions in the College of Health Sciences.

Academic Standing Sub-Committee

An Academic Standing Committee will be formed and comprised of a representative from the student's academic program, the Association Dean of Academic and Student Affairs, and an academic advisor. The Associate Dean will serve as the chair of this committee. The Academic Standing Committee will meet regarding submitted suspension appeals. The committee will convene to hear appeals at least twice a year, and more often as needed.

Appeals

Students who are placed on suspension may appeal their status to the College of Health Sciences Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs. The student must submit documentation regarding any circumstances that influenced their academic performance for review. This includes, but is not limited to, a personal statement explaining their situation and how they plan to rectify this in the future. Students are welcome to submit letters of support

from individuals who have knowledge about their situation and can provide insight into how the student is addressing the issue(s).

All appeals must be submitted by the due date listed in the student's suspension notice letter. While students are in the appeals process, they may maintain their current major and course registration in the College of Health Sciences.

College of Health Sciences (CHS) Probation and Suspension Decision Tree

Student is placed on **CHS probation** if student earns a GPA of less than 2.0 in any given semester (even if student's cumulative UK GPA is 2.0 or higher)

- Student is sent academic standing notice letter
- A specific recovery plan is negotiated; one copy of plan is placed in the student's electronic file and another copy is sent to the student.
- Student's progress is monitored by student's academic advisor during the probationary period

Scenario 1: Student successfully completes recovery plan, earning a 2.0 semester GPA or higher AND earns at least a grade of "C" (2.0) in each course required for major

At this point, student is removed from CHS probation and regains good standing status in the College.

Scenario 2: Student does not successfully complete the recovery plan and fails to meet any or all requirements for removal of probation.

At this point the student is placed on CHS suspension and is required to select a new major outside of the College.

CHS students can be **immediately placed on CHS suspension** by the CHS Associate Dean under two other circumstances.

- Student earns a GPA of less than 2.0 in any given semester AND has a cumulative UK GPA below 2.0.
- Student earns less than a 1.5 GPA in any semester.

Students who are placed on suspension may appeal their status to the Associate Dean. (Students appealing suspension may remain in their major and coursework, until a decision is reached by the committee.)

- Student must submit documentation regarding their academic situation for review, including a personal statement with their explanation of their situation and how they plan to rectify this in the future.
- Letters of support from individuals who have knowledge about their situation and can provide insight into how the student is addressing the issue(s).