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# Academic Advising

## ACADEMIC PROBATION

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### What is academic probation?

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If your academic average is under 65% in any semester, you will be on academic probation in each subsequent semester until you graduate.

There are 3 components to academic probation: (1) you must meet with the Associate Academic Dean in order to discuss the reasons for your poor academic performance; (2) you must sign a contract detailing the measures you will take to improve your academic performance in future semesters; and (3) if your average falls below 65% in any subsequent semester, you may not be permitted to return to Marianopolis for at least one semester. The length of time you must spend out of the college and the conditions of your return are at the discretion of the Associate Academic Dean. You must reapply and be readmitted in order to continue your studies at the college at a future date. Re-admission is not guaranteed.

### What happens if I don't meet the terms of my probation contract?

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If you do not meet the terms of your probation contract, you may not be permitted to return to Marianopolis. The length of time you must spend out of the college and the conditions of your return are at the discretion of the Associate Academic Dean.

### If I fail a course, will I be on probation?

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Not necessarily. If you fail one or more courses but your semester average is 65% or over, you will not be on probation.

### Can I still be admitted to university if I've been on probation?

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Yes. Universities will not refuse you simply on the grounds that you've been on probation (nor will they receive notice that you've been on probation). However, if you've been on probation, your poor academic performance is most probably reflected in your R score, which universities will assess when reviewing your application.

If your grades have suffered due to significant personal difficulties (e.g. illness, death in the family, divorce, major accident, legal issues, etc.), you may ask the university to consider your application in light of these "extenuating circumstances." You must explain how the situation impacted your academic performance and provide documentation where appropriate. See an Academic Advisor if you intend to indicate extenuating circumstances on your university applications.

### How can I improve my academic performance once I'm on probation?

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Poor academic performance can arise from a variety of factors. Some are within your control, such as procrastination, lack of effort, poor time management, or weak study skills. Others can be more difficult for you to manage, such as problems at home, financial stressors, mental health issues, language difficulties or a learning disability. Whatever the problem, there are people at Marianopolis who are here to help you. Visit Student Services or Academic Advising for more information about personal, academic, health, career, and financial counseling.