

Dr. Gumm - Last year when changes were made to the academic policy regarding Probation and Suspension I believe the section regarding Admission Types was overlooked. A part of the sentence below mimicked the language we originally had in the Probation and Suspension policy. Can we change "first 9 hours of coursework" to "first semester of coursework" to a line with the Probation/Suspension policy that was already changed? Or is this something we would need to bring to the Graduate Council for additional approval?

Admission Types

Standard admission is for students who may be fully admitted without further conditions.

If a student requires leveling work, the student may be admitted provisionally.

Occasionally, the department may recommend probational admission for an applicant who does not meet all the admission criteria. For probational admission, graduate admission committees or program directors will make a holistic judgment on the applicant's potential for success and contribution to the program mission. Students admitted probationally must maintain a 3.0 average in the first 9 hours of coursework, and may be asked to retake a standardized examination or produce evidence of academic readiness.

Pursuant to federal immigration law 8 CFR 214.3(k)(4), immigration documents such as an I-20 cannot be issued to an international student who is admitted on probation or provisionally.

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After reviewing the proposal approved by the Graduate Council, I see no reason for this to go back before them - they have already approved the change to treating students admitted on probation in the same way that continuing students who are placed on probation are treated. So, if a student admitted on probation fails to earn a 3.0 in their first semester they will be academically suspended. If there is enough justification to warrant additional time at ACU, then the student can appeal their suspension. I do agree that we need an adjustment to the wording in this section. The clearest language, to me, seems to be to replace "maintain a 3.0 average in the first 9 hours of coursework" with "earn a 3.0 average in the first semester". Any concerns over that language adjustment?

Thanks,
Eric