Academic Probation and Thirteen Unit Limit FAQs

What is Academic Probation?
If your cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) or cumulative CI GPA falls below a 2.0, you will be subject to academic probation. You will be limited to 13 units for each semester you are on probation. You will have an advising hold placed on your account and are required to have mandatory Academic Advising. For further details refer to academic probation.

When do students start Academic Probation?
Each semester student grades are calculated to establish a term, campus and cumulative (Transfer and CI) GPA. The results of the calculations create a student’s academic standing. Students will be notified when they are on academic probation via an email to their campus email address from the Provost’s Office.

Why do I have an Advising Hold?
Per the Policy on Academic Probation (SP 13-01) probationary students are required to meet with an advisor no later than the end of the third week of the following semester. Advising (ADV) holds are placed on students who need to fulfill this requirement. If a student needs to drop any courses to meet the 13 unit requirement they will need to first meet their mandatory academic advising.

If you are on academic probation, you will need to complete an online probation survey and either meet with an Academic Advisor or attend a probation workshop to review an academic plan and have your advising hold removed. You will be notified of your options by Academic Advising.

Why can’t I register in more than 13 units?
Per the Policy on Undergraduate Unit Load Limitation (SP 13-02) an undergraduate student on academic probation may enroll in up to 13 units without Academic Advisor approval.

How will I know if I am being held to this enrollment limit?
You will receive official notification from Academic Affairs regarding your academic standing after grading is competed at the end of each term. If you are placed on Academic Probation, you will receive an advising hold on your record that requires you to meet with an academic advisor, as well as a probation hold which will enforce the 13.0 unit enrollment maximum.

How can I petition for adding more units?
Students on academic probation who wish to enroll in more than 13 units are required to have an academic advisor’s written approval via the Additional Unit Authorization form.

Students will be advised via their campus email of the status of the request. Please note: adding additional coursework may change a student’s tuition and fees owed to CI.
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**What happens if I get off Academic Probation? Can I add more units?**

Students shall be removed from academic probation once they have received such advising and both the cumulative GPA in all college work attempted and the cumulative GPA average at CSU Channel Islands are at least 2.0.

If a student changes their Academic Standing from probation to good standing before or during the first four weeks of the following term, they will be allowed to enroll in a maximum of 18 units without advisor approval.

**How will this unit limitation affect my Financial Aid?**

The Financial Aid & Scholarships office will measure your academic progress at the end of each semester. Financial Aid recipients are expected to meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards at the end of each semester in which they are enrolled. To learn more about the SAP policy, please visit the Financial Aid & Scholarships [Frequently Asked Questions](mailto:records.registration@csuci.edu) webpage.

**What Resources are available to me?**

Students can find help by contacting:

- [Academic Advising](mailto:records.registration@csuci.edu)
- [University Writing Center and Learning Resource Center](mailto:records.registration@csuci.edu)

**Who can I talk to for help on Registration Questions?**

Information about Registration activities and deadlines can be found on the Records and Registration website at: [http://www.csuci.edu/records-registration/registration.htm](http://www.csuci.edu/records-registration/registration.htm)

Contact Records and Registration staff at:

- Enrollment Center, Sage Hall, Room 1020
- Phone: (805) 437-8500
- TDD: (805) 437-3331
- Fax: (805) 437-8509
- Email: [records.registration@csuci.edu](mailto:records.registration@csuci.edu)