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## Scholastic probation is a warning, not an end

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Scholastic probation does not mean the end of a college career; it is meant as a warning.

Scholastic probation is conditional permission for a student to continue at Texas A&M University after he has fallen below an overall grade point ratio of 2.0.

It would be unkind to let a student who continues to have below a "C" average stay at Texas A&M until he builds up such a deficit that he has small chance of graduating, said Charles McCandless, associate vice president for academic affairs.

A student can be put on scholastic probation if his overall GPR falls below a 2.0 or if he falls below a 2.0 average on the courses in his major.

To get off probation, a student must bring his GPR up to a 2.0.

For example, if a student with a "C" average fails a three-hour class, he would be down six grade points and could be expected to make up three to six grade points and maintain a "C" average in all other classes the next semester.

Students who continue to average below a 2.0 in the courses in their major are usually asked to change majors, said Dwayne A. Suter, associate dean of agriculture.

Probation requirements by college are as follows:

**College of Agriculture:**  
A student with a GPR lower than 1.0 is normally not permitted to continue at the University. A student whose GPR is between 1.0 and 1.75 is put on scholastic probation. A student with academic problems is asked to come in for a conference, Suter said.

These rules are applied mostly to freshmen, Suter said, with stricter criteria used when evaluating transfer students' GPR's. For upperclassmen, individual cases are evaluated by the college.

At the end of the second semester, Suter said, if the student's GPR is below 1.5, registration will probably be blocked. But if the GPR is between 1.5 and 1.8 the student will continue on scholastic probation.

One of the terms of probation within the college is regular attendance in class.

**College of Architecture and Environmental Design:**  
A student with a GPR of C-3 to C-5 (three grade points below a C to five grade points below a C) is sent a letter of probation and a copy of scholastic probation and suspension, said Daniel F. MacGilvray, assistant dean for academic affairs in the college. Students with C-6 to C-15 are barred from pre-registration the next semester.

About 3.5 percent of the 1,400 students in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design are on probation, MacGilvray said.

The college has a committee that listens to probation appeals and discusses academic problems with the students.

MacGilvray said that occasionally a no-cuts provision

is included in the probation terms.

**College of Business Administration:**  
A student whose GPR is between C-1 and C-3 will be put on probation and will have to make a B average in a one- to three-hour class, said Carelton Stolle, assistant dean. Students with less than C-3 need to make a B average in a three-hour class and a C average in their other classes, Stolle said.

Stolle said that if a student has a C-20 or less, registration is blocked.

Ten to 12 percent of the students in the College of Business are on probation, Stolle said.

**College of Education:**  
A student academically deficient, regardless of the number of grade points below a C average, needs to make a B average in a three-hour class and a C average in all other classes in order to continue at Texas A&M, said Philip C. Linbacher, associate dean for student programs in the college.

**College of Engineering:**  
A student whose GPR drops below a 2.0 is placed on probation, said Terry E. Shoup, assistant dean.

A student with a C-11 or less is blocked from registration, Shoup said.

**College of Geosciences:**  
A student whose GPR falls below a C is put on probation, usually for two semesters. He has to be showing some type of progress in order to continue at the university, said D. A. Fahlgvist, assistant dean.

Fahlgvist said the College of Geosciences refers academically deficient students to the Academic Counseling Office.

Sixteen percent of the geosciences students are on probation, Fahlgvist said.

**College of Liberal Arts:**  
A student whose GPR drops below 2.0 is placed on scholastic probation, said Greg Stuteville, undergraduate advisor. "If we feel like the person is not going to do any better after one semester of probation, then registration is blocked," Stuteville said.

About 15 percent of the students in the College of Liberal Arts are on probation, Stuteville said.

**College of Science:**  
"Scholastic probation is largely an individual decision, but we do have a minimum level of deficiency depending on the student," said Kenneth Poenisch, assistant to the dean.

If a student falls below a 2.0 average he will be put on scholastic probation, Poenisch said. The College of Science makes individual judgments, but some progress needs to be made in order for the student to stay at Texas A&M, Poenisch said.

Science majors are referred to the Academic Counseling Office, Poenisch said. More students are on probation after the fall semester than after the spring semester, said McCandless.

## Incompletes can change to F's

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An "I" on a grade report does not mean incompetent, it means incomplete.

A temporary grade of I can be given to a student who has completed a course with the exception of a major quiz, final examination or other major work.

An instructor can give a grade of incomplete only when the student's grade deficiency is due to

an authorized absence or for some cause beyond the student's control when the work already completed has been satisfactory.

Procedure for giving a grade of incomplete is consistent throughout all colleges of the University, except for the College of Science, which records the grade as an F until coursework is completed. Other colleges record an I. In either case, zero grade points are computed.

The decision to give an incomplete is up to the instructor, Suter said. If a student is in a situation where he must miss major work, he should notify his instructor.

If the instructor grants the incomplete, he files an incomplete grade report with the department head. Copies are sent to the student and his academic dean.

The grade report includes the instructor's reason for awarding the incomplete and a statement about the remaining work to be completed.

Incomplete work must be finished before the end of the following regular semester, unless the student's academic dean grants an extension.

If incomplete work is not finished by that time, the I will become an F, and the student will have to register for the class again and complete it satisfactorily.

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## Club to relive Civil War days

By JERI JONES  
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A new club planning to relive the Civil War is being started at Texas A&M University.

Students at Texas A&M want to research American military history and play out the lives of the people in the Civil War.

The Living Historical Society held its organizational meeting Thursday.

With muslin shirts, wool coats and muskets, students plan to portray, as accurately as possible, the typical west of the Mississippi River soldier at re-enactment retreats held throughout the United States.

Organizational president Greg Johnson said the group plans to participate this spring in re-enactments in Galveston; Fort Gibson, Okla.; Pleasant Hill, La. and Champion Hills, Miss.

While on a retreat, the re-enactors leave the modern world behind and fall into the character of the Civil War soldier, Johnson said.

All the re-enactors will wear authentic clothing and take the name of a character of that era, Johnson said.

Johnson, who has been re-enacting for five years, said that while on a retreat, "We eat what they ate, we talk about things like whether or not to vote for Henry Clay, we sing songs such as 'Just Before the Battle Mother' and we sometimes even write letters to our loved ones back at home."

Re-enactments of the Civil War

have been going on at historical locations throughout the United States for 21 years. But there is no national club.

Re-enactors find out about upcoming events from a magazine called the Camp Chase Gazette, Johnson said.

The club is not yet recognized by the University which would make it eligible for Bookstore profit funds. Meeting times for the Living Historical

Society will be posted when the club receives University recognition.

Membership will be open to all students who wish to escape into the Civil War period, Johnson said.

The Living Historical Society is not the same club as the Texas A&M Historical Society, which is a recognized student organization for history majors.

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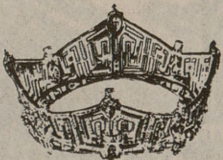
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