

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS  
DISMISSAL & SCHOLASTIC PROBATION POLICY  
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**DISMISSAL**

A student will receive a **Dismissal** letter (i.e., no longer allowed to pursue a degree in this department) when his/her **cumulative GPR** falls below a 2.0. **Students may also receive a Dismissal letter for poor academic performance in the Core Business Knowledge (CBK) courses and/or their courses in major.**

Students will be allowed to appeal the Dismissal; however, **there is NO guarantee that the appeal will be accepted.** Appeals are carefully considered taking into account such circumstances as, but not limited to:

- How great the deficiency is
- A student's lengthy illness
- A death or major illness of an immediate family member (Immediate family members are defined in the Texas A&M University Student Rules 7.1.2.)
- Absences due to legal proceedings
- Learning disabilities

For an appeal to be considered, the student must provide a type-written letter stating the adverse circumstance(s) contributing to his or her poor academic performance. The student **MUST** include with the letter of appeal documentation substantiating the reason(s) for poor academic performance. **All documentation is subject to verification.**

Should the appeal be accepted, the student will be sent a Scholastic Probation letter. Should the appeal be denied, this student will be permanently dismissed from this department (i.e., no longer allowed to pursue a degree in this department.)

**SCHOLASTIC PROBATION**

A student will receive a **Scholastic Probation** letter when his/her **GPR in major** and/or **GPR in Core Business Knowledge (CBK)** falls below a 2.0 and the grade deficit is not greater than six (6). Grade deficiencies of greater than six (6) in major and/or in CBK courses will result in the student receiving a Dismissal letter.

Students receiving a Scholastic Probation letter must meet each of the following requirements:

1. Make up their total grade point deficiency that is indicated in their Scholastic Probation letter
2. Enroll in appropriate courses that will allow the student to make up their grade points (For example, if the student is deficient in their CBK GPR, the student must enroll in one or more CBK courses.)
3. Meet with the Assistant Department Head for Undergraduate Student Affairs by the deadline date indicated in the Scholastic Probation letter

**NOTES:**

- Students who have met the requirements stipulated in note #1 above and have preregistered may have their next semester schedule dropped should they fail to have made up their grade deficit on final semester grades.
- Students will be allowed to be on Scholastic Probation only **ONCE** during their tenure in the Department of Agricultural Economics.
- Students who fail to meet **ALL** the requirements stipulated above will be dismissed from further enrollment in the Department of Agricultural Economics.
- Agribusiness majors who are scholastically deficient only in CBK courses (i.e., cumulative and major GPRs are still above a 2.0) may elect to change to the Agricultural Economics degree which does not require CBK courses. If Agribusiness students elect to change to AGECE, they must do so by the end of the second week of classes during the semester in which their probation terms begin for the probation "forgiveness" to be in effect. If the major is changed after the second week of classes, the student will have used his/her one probation opportunity. Once an Agribusiness major changes to Agricultural Economics, they will not be allowed to return to the Agribusiness degree at a later date.
- TAMU Student Rules Sections 12.1 through 12.1.4 define scholastic deficiency, and 12.2 through 12.2.4 provides University rules regarding students who are scholastically deficient.