Reinstatement Process

A student is academically dismissed when, having been placed on academic Probation or Probation by Special Action in one term, he or she fails to improve or to meet the conditions for extending the probation. The decision to dismiss is made on a case-by-case basis after careful review of the academic record. As a consequence of dismissal, students are dropped from all the classes in which he or she may have been enrolled for the next term and are prevented from returning to classes until the dismissal has been removed. After dismissal, students are welcome to maintain contact with their OSU advisor if they have questions about preparing for possible future reinstatement.

Students who have been academically dismissed have the opportunity to petition for reinstatement after spending a minimum of one academic year away from Ohio State. Reinstatement is not guaranteed, and simple desire to return is not sufficient support for a petition. Petitioning students need to prove they are now ready to succeed if they are allowed to return to the university. It is advisable for students to take academic coursework at another institution during their time away from Ohio State to demonstrate they are capable of succeeding in quality college-level work.

The Petition for Reinstatement is an opportunity for a student to show that he or she has realistically assessed the situation and planned to return as a successful student. It should reflect a thoughtful use of the time away to consider why the student did not succeed before; the adjustments made in view of earlier difficulties; and how the student plans to succeed should a return to OSU be approved.

**STEPS TO PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT**

Spend your time away from OSU productively. It is strongly recommended that you attend another institution and focus your effort to perform well academically. A transcript from another institution that documents a quality GPA demonstrates that you are ready to improve academically should you return to OSU. Consult [http://transferology.com](http://transferology.com) and your academic advisor if you want to ensure your coursework will have OSU transfer equivalents. While you may wish to continue in coursework that will count towards your intended major, also remember that your performance in these courses is of utmost importance.

Prior to the term in which you wish to return to OSU (minimally one academic year after dismissal), contact the Academic Advising Office in Newark to schedule an appointment with an advisor to review the reinstatement process and the petition documents you need to submit.

Complete the reinstatement petition and submit it to the Academic Advising Office prior to the stated deadline. (It is recommended that you submit your petition 2 weeks prior to the deadline to allow time for revision or submission of additional documentation if needed.)

**Deadlines** for submitting all petition materials:
- For autumn semester return: July 1
- For spring semester return: November 1
- For summer semester return: April 1

*or first business day following, if these dates fall on a weekend*