

Academic Drop Policy

Policy Memorandum No. 58

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Heretofore, the University's academic drop policy has provided that students who are dropped for academic deficiency, for the first time at the end of an academic year may enroll in the immediately following summer session to make up the academic deficiency; students dropped for academic deficiency for the SECOND time were not accorded this privilege.

The Commission on Undergraduate Studies, for reasons given in the Resolution, recommended a change in the policy to allow students placed on second drop, as well as those on first drop, to enroll in the immediately following summer session to make up the deficiency. The Resolution, as adopted by University Council under the title "Academic Drop Policy," is as follows:

WHEREAS, students at Virginia Tech who do not meet the academic eligibility schedule are placed on first drop and are permitted to attend summer school, and

WHEREAS, students placed on second drop are by university policy ineligible to return to Virginia Tech, thus not permitting them to attend summer school, and

WHEREAS, in operation the Academic Appeals Committee will not consider for readmission students placed on second drop until at least two years have passed, and

WHEREAS, a two-year wait is a long wait for a student who may be able to meet his or her eligibility within a summer session, and

WHEREAS, confusion often arises in academic advising regarding the availability of summer school to the student placed on second drop versus first drop, and

WHEREAS, summer school enrollments could easily handle the small increase in student numbers,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that beginning with the summer of 1985 all students dropped for the first or second time at the end of the academic year may enroll in the immediately following summer session to make up the deficiency. If the student raises the QCA to the minimum that was required at the end of the spring quarter (counting only those enrolled courses that could be used toward fulfillment of the student's degree requirements) the academic drop is rescinded, and the student is eligible to continue studies in the fall quarter. For a first drop, a student who does not raise the QCA to the minimum that was required during the summer session is not eligible for readmission until the summer session one year later (12 months after the first academic drop). For a second drop, a student who does not raise the QCA to the minimum that was required during the summer session is not eligible for readmission.

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