

Mechanical Engineering “Mechanical Mondays”

Academic Success,
Probation, and Suspension

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(8:00am–4:00pm in the summer)

Monday – Friday

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walk-in or by appointment

Agenda

- Quiz - use your iClicker
- Mid-Term Progress Grades
- How to Maximize this Semester
- Probation/Suspension Policies
- Academic Success Exercises

Quiz Question #1

- Which grades can be repeated (best answer)?
 - A: Any grades may be repeated, it's my choice.
 - B: No grade may be repeated.
 - C: Only grades below 'C' may be repeated.
 - D: Only failing grades ('F') may be repeated.
 - E: Only grades of 'D' and 'F' may be repeated.

Quiz Question #2

- If I repeat a course, what grade becomes the grade of record?
 - A: The best grade.
 - **B: The most recent grade.**
 - C: The grade I choose to keep.
 - D: An average of the 2 grades.

Quiz Question #3

- Which of the following credits/courses do not count in GPA calculations?
 - A: UN courses
 - B: ENG courses
 - C: HASS courses
 - D: AP credits
 - E: None of the above

Quiz Question #4

- The only criteria never used for Good Academic Standing is:
 - A: Cumulative GPA at least 2.00
 - B: Dept GPA at least 2.00
 - C: EnGPA at least 2.00
 - D: None of the above
 - E: All of the above

Quiz Question #5

- If you are placed on Academic Probation after the fall semester, you have how many semesters to get back in Good Academic Standing?
 - A: 1
 - B: 2
 - C: 3
 - D: 4
 - E: 5

Quiz Question #6

- If you are Academically Suspended after this spring semester it is possible to return as early as:
 - A: This summer semester
 - B: The next fall semester
 - C: The following spring semester
 - D: Only after taking classes elsewhere
 - E: Either A or C

Quiz Question #7

- If you earn less than a 'C' in a core course, you should:
 - A: Proceed to the next course as long as you didn't fail.
 - B: Repeat the course right away in the next semester to try and earn a 'C' or better.
 - C: Avoid courses in the pre-req chain affected by the poor grade.
 - D: Change majors.

Quiz Question #8

- If you need to repeat courses next semester, you should:
 - A: Take the max amount of credits to get the repeats done and not fall behind.
 - B: Put off the repeats and just take other courses that aren't related to the poor grade you earned previously.
 - C: Only repeat failed courses and proceed according to the flow chart otherwise.
 - D: Limit your credit load to give yourself the best chance of doing well and getting back on track.

Mid-semester grades

- Have you checked on BanWeb?
- Grades are “satisfactory” (SA) or “unsatisfactory” (UN)
 - SA = ‘C’ or better progress
 - UN = lower than ‘C’ progress (‘CD’, ‘D’, ‘F’)
- ME Advisors have contacted you if you earned 2 or more ‘UN’s
- Do you understand why you earned your mid-term marks?
- Do you know what you need to do to earn a ‘C’ or better final grade?
- Do you have a plan to **make changes** and **utilize resources** in order to support the above goal?

Campus Resources – use them!

- Faculty
- Learning Centers
 - Weekly appointments whenever possible
- Upper class students
- Resident assistants
- COMPASS
- Counseling Services
- Disability Services (Dean of Students office)
- Career Services
- Academic Advisors

Summer classes at Tech

- Can register for summer along with spring (or later)
- Summer registration open online until summer semester begins (May 7th, 2012)
- Tracks A and B (5/7-6/22 & 6/25-8/10; F12 starts 9/4/12)
- Pace is fast – plan wisely
 - Example: 3 credit class meets 6 hours/week for only 7 weeks. Covers same material as full-semester version.
 - Usually no more than 2 courses (~6 credits) per summer track.
 - Almost all ME courses offered in the summer Exceptions: MY 2100, MEEM 2500, MEEM 3000, MEEM 4700, MEEM 4901, MEEM 4911
- May be a way to keep fall/spring credit totals low enough to be successful without affecting graduation timing as much.

Transfer credit

- Transfer equivalencies:
 - Online (Transfer Equivalency System/Transfer Services)
 - Grade of 'C' or higher required to transfer back to Tech (TR)
- Attending another Michigan school:
 - Transfer Services web page has guest application
- Repeating courses with 'CD' or lower:
 - Credit transfers if 'C' or higher is earned (IT)
 - Prior grade is no longer factored into GPA (zero quality points, zero GPA hours)
- Note: Once you have begun classes on campus at Michigan Tech, **UN 1001 and UN 1002 may not be transferred in.**

Academic Probation

You are on academic probation if your:

- Cumulative GPA is below 2.00, OR
- Most recent semester GPA is below 2.00, OR
- Departmental GPA is below 2.00, based on at least 16 credits.

You are removed from academic probation when your:

- Cumulative GPA is 2.00 or higher, AND
- Most recent semester GPA is 2.00 or higher, AND
- Departmental GPA is 2.00 or higher.

When you are not on academic probation or suspension, you are considered to be in good academic standing.

Getting Back on Track

- You have 2 semesters on academic probation to get back into good academic standing ,

BUT

- The semester for which you earn grades that place you on academic probation counts as a semester on academic probation,

SO

- You really have one semester to recover and get back in good standing. If not, you can face academic suspension from the University.

Academic Suspension

- If you are placed on academic probation after the fall semester and are not back in good academic standing after the spring semester, then you will be academically suspended.
 - Unless your cumulative GPA is ≥ 2.00 but your semester GPA is < 2.00 , in which case you will remain on academic probation.
- If suspended, you will have to chance to appeal the suspension.
 - First-year students work with COMPASS.
 - All others work with the Dean of Students office.

Academic Suspension Appeal

- If appeal is granted, you may be able to return immediately in the upcoming summer or fall semesters.
- If appeal is not granted, you will remain suspended for a full fall or spring semester and a summer semester.
 - So, you would not be able to apply for reinstatement with the Dean of Students office until enrollment for the next spring semester.
- Progress made in the 2nd probation semester over the first will be heavily considered in the appeal process.

A few words about financial aid....


- Due to new Federal requirements, students with many types of aid will be subject to new academic progress standards.
- A student that does not maintain a minimum 75% ratio of earned (passed) credits to attempted credits will be subject to a financial aid warning (probation) status.
- 'W' grades count towards attempted hours.
- Some types of aid may not cover 'CD' or 'D' repeats.
- Consult with the Financial Aid office for any questions or anything that may be unclear regarding your aid.

Academic Success Exercises

- Intended to assist you with:
 - Self-awareness of academic issues
 - Awareness of campus academic and personal support resources
 - Understanding of University policies and procedures
 - Setting realistic short-term goals to accomplish long-term goals
 - Effective time management and planning – strategic and tactical
- These exercises are **tools** to help you with all of the above.

Academic Success Exercises

- We encourage any student to complete these and review with an academic advisor.
 - Optional for all right now.
 - Complete exercises now during the semester or over breaks.
- You will be **required to complete these exercises and review with an academic advisor if you are a first-year student placed on academic probation after the fall semester.**
 - COMPASS requires an advising meeting and will place an account hold if not completed.
 - Advisors will not meet with first-year probationary students unless exercises are completed.
 - Plan to complete exercises over holiday break and meet with an advisor before or during first week.



Next Mechanical Mondays session:
Monday, November 7th (tentative)
Topic: Enterprise (tentative)

Quiz, Presentation,
Student Forum, and Q&A

Watch your email for notices.

Quiz Question #9

- Was this session helpful in any way?
 - ▣ A: Yes
 - ▣ B: No
- Please feel free to make suggestions for improvement to an advisor or leave us a note.

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