

## **ACADEMIC WARNING, PROBATION, DISMISSAL**

The Marietta College Community is dedicated to the academic success of all students and our goal is to aid students in their progress toward graduation. The policies governing academic warning, probation and dismissal are designed to help ensure that a student is making satisfactory progress toward degree completion.

A student will receive an academic warning when his/her semester grade point average falls below 2.0. Academic warning is used to alert students to potential problems with unsatisfactory academic progress.

The purpose of academic probation is to

- inform students when they are not meeting the normal academic standards expected of college level students;
- encourage students to re-evaluate their motivation and to develop strategies for academic success;
- encourage students to spend more time on academic endeavors.

Upon their placement on academic probation, students will receive a letter from the Academic Resource Center identifying strategies to improve their academic performance. Students are also required to meet with a staff member of the ARC and their academic advisor to discuss their probationary status within the first two weeks of the semester. During these meetings, each student will complete a Probation Contract outlining the College's expectations regarding attendance and performance and requiring the student to commit to specific efforts identified to support academic success. Should a student fail to complete the Probation Contract or to honor the agreed upon terms of the contract, s/he may be considered for an Administrative Withdrawal (see below).

Should a student's cumulative grade point average remain below the stated minimum for two consecutive semesters, the Academic Standards Committee will review the individual's academic record and determine whether to dismiss the student from the College. A student may appeal the decision to dismiss to the Academic Standards Committee.

A student can also be considered for dismissal by the Academic Standards Committee with no prior warning or probationary period when his or her performance drops significantly below the minimum stated above.