

I AM ON ACADEMIC PROBATION -WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

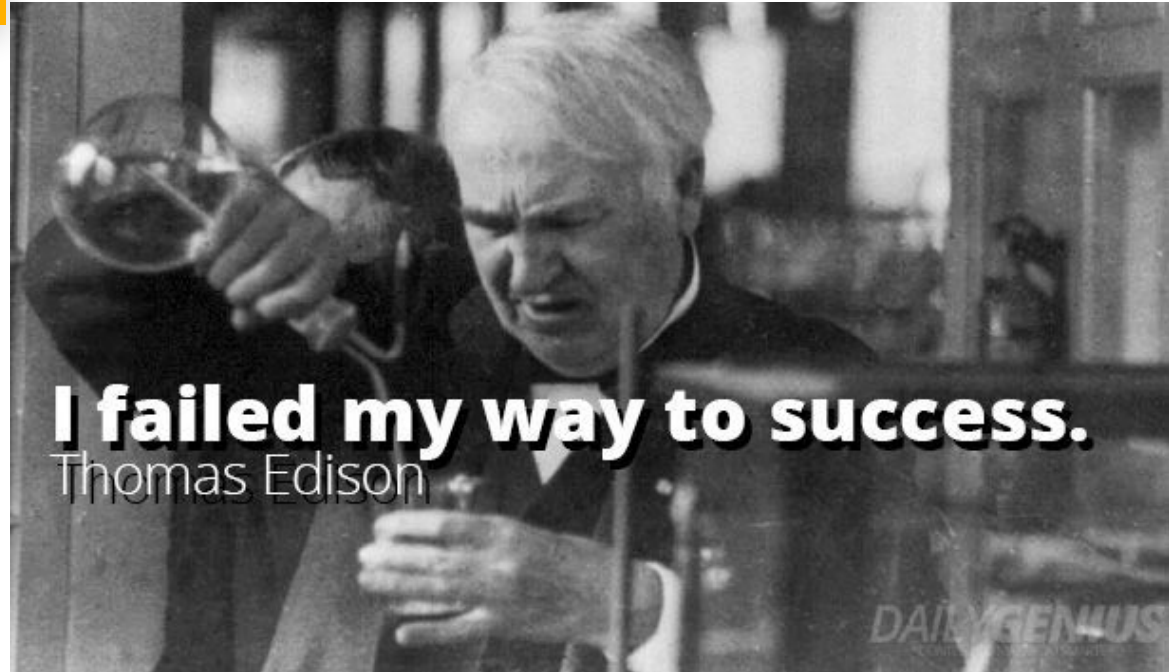
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What is Academic Probation?



- An academic warning sign
- Not making the academic progress the institution requires for graduation
- A probationary period
- A timely opportunity to assess your academic goals, choice of program, and study habits

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I failed my way to success.
Thomas Edison

DAI GENIUS

LET'S FIRST REVIEW SOME CONCEPTS



SJSU Cumulative GPA (as shown on the transcript)

Includes all letter-graded work in 100-level or 200-level courses completed **subsequent** to enrollment in graduate school

Overall or All Cumulative GPA

Includes SJSU Cumulative GPA calculation **and** the *approved transferred* PostBac Open University courses completed **prior** to enrollment in graduate school.

Candidacy GPA (as shown on the candidacy form)

Is the GPA for the degree program, that is, the courses that appear on of the candidacy form.

Term GPA

Is the GPA from averaging the grades after each semester.

Academic Probation at the Graduate Level



- Per University Policy [S16-16](#) (also in the [SJSU Catalog](#)):

On Probation = if at any time (following a Fall, Winter, Spring, or Summer term) your **SJSU cumulative GPA** falls below 3.0 (grade of "B" on a 4.0-point scale) in units attempted subsequent to matriculation in either conditionally classified or classified status

Academic Probation at the Graduate Level



- Graduate students on probation remain on **continued probation** when the following **term GPA** is 3.0 or better, while the **SJSU cumulative GPA** remains below 3.0.
- The **GPA** among all of the courses that appear (count toward the degree) on the **candidacy** form, AKA candidacy GPA, must be a minimum of 3.0 for degree conferral.

Academic Probation at the Graduate Level



- All upper-division (100 level) and graduate-level (200 level) courses will be used in the calculation of **SJSU cumulative GPA**.
- Courses **transferred** into the graduate program from other institutions or from the SJSU undergraduate career **will not count** in the cumulative GPA computation.

Academic Probation at the Graduate Level



- To avoid disqualification, at least **one letter-graded course** must be taken each Spring and Fall semester, while on probation.
- **Avoid disqualification** –graduate students on probation or continued probation will be academically **disqualified** if the **term GPA** for a Fall, Winter, Spring, or Summer term is below 3.0.

Academic Probation at the Graduate Level



- Failure to Achieve a 3.0 Grade Point Average on Completed Graduate Degree Program:
 - Department may terminate the candidacy or permit completing additional courses in an attempt to raise the GPA in the program to the minimum 3.0 threshold
 - Elective courses may be added to the candidacy form for grade averaging if approved by the graduate advisor
 - Alternatively, courses can be repeated up to a limit of 9 units (per University Policy [F08-2](#)).

How does PROBATION impact my academic career at SJSU?



- Participation in **CPT**
- Eligibility for on-campus **assistantships and jobs** (by department)
- **Steps to graduation**: approval of candidacy and graduation application options
- **Eligibility** for project/thesis
- Potential **delay** in graduation
- Probation advising **hold** (varies by dpt.)

University Academic Probation



Probation

Academic warning or probation entered if SJSU Cum GPA / Cum GPA below 3.0 after academic standing posts

Continued Probation

Although the term GPA of the second semester is above 3.0, the SJSU cum GPA is still under 3.0.

Good Standing

Good standing is reached when the SJSU cum GPA is at 3.0 or above.

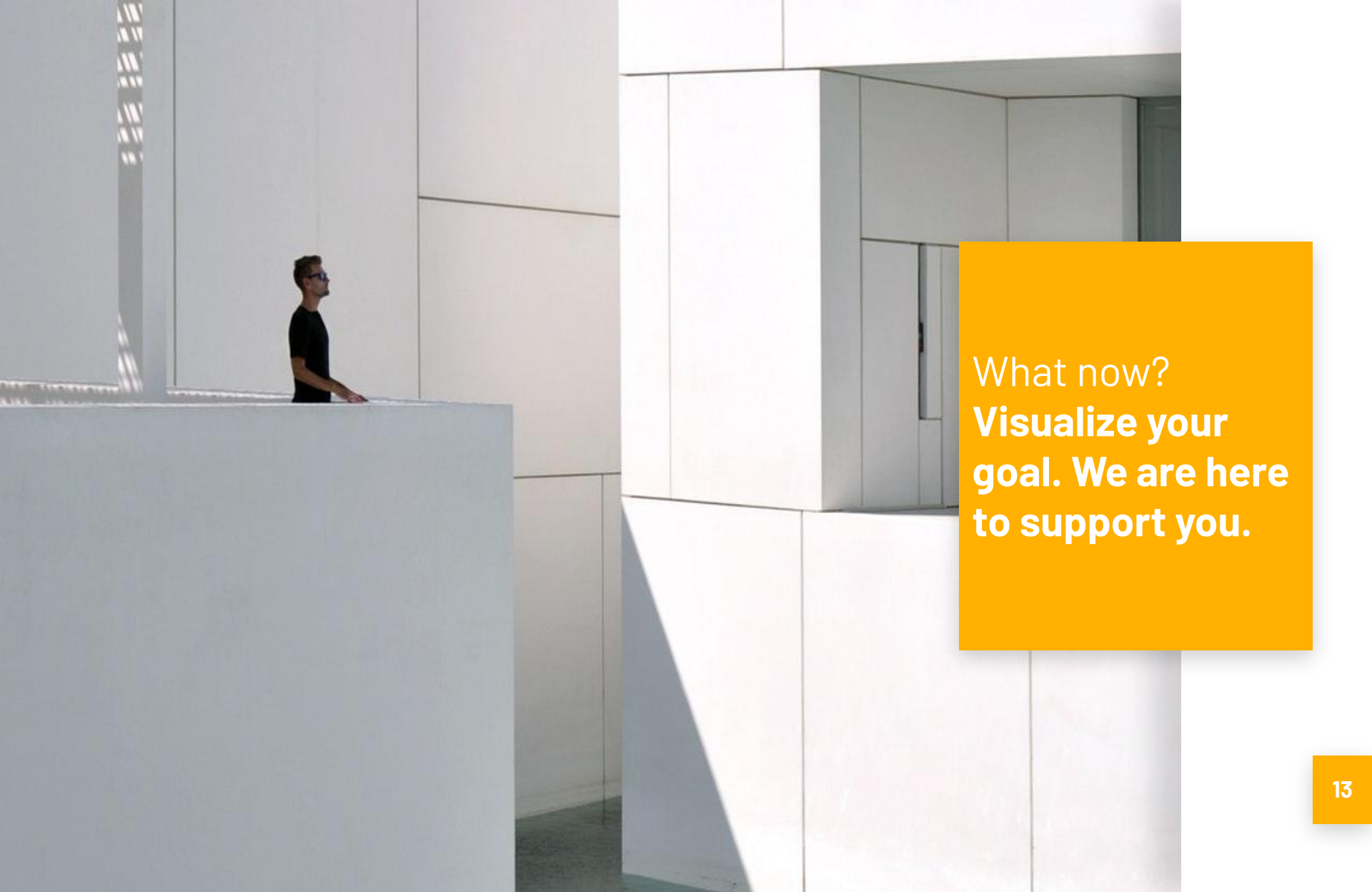
Well done. Keep it up!



Important Considerations



- Semester **unit load** –find balance
- Open **communication** with professors
- Regular checks on your **academic progress**: grades, meeting course expectations, understanding content
- Meet with your **academic advisor**



What now?
**Visualize your
goal. We are here
to support you.**

Resources



- Professors
- Departmental Academic Advisors
- [ESSC](#) Advisors -available for drop-ins and appointments
- ESSC success workshops: time management, self-care, skills ([ESSC calendar](#); ESSC blog in progress)

Resources (continued)



- ENGR [student organizations](#)
- [Peer Connections](#) and [CoSAC](#)
- MLK Library [late night tutoring](#)
- [Writing Center](#)
- [College of Graduate Studies](#)
- [CAPS](#) & Wellness: [SJSU Cares](#), [Food Pantry](#)

Grading Changes Fall 2020



- Registrar's Office: [Grade Changes and FAQs](#)
- Policy [F20-2](#) on **Grading Changes to Support Maximum Flexibility for SJSU Students During the Prolonged COVID-19 Pandemic**: grades of WU converted to W, and grades of F to be converted to NC by the Registrar's Office. **No DQ Spring 2020 and Fall 2020.**
- Grades of C and above NOT eligible under this policy. A grad student with a grade between a C- and a D- *could* petition to retroactively withdraw from the course with Department's and Associate Dean's approval.
- For graduate students on a student visa (F1), with Veteran status, or on Financial Aid, other considerations might be involved, i.e. course load. Please **consult** with the appropriate office.

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“When your life doesn't
go as planned, change
your perspective but do
not stop dreaming.”

KATE MAURICE

EVERYDAY **POWER**

THANKS!



Any questions?

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