State College of Florida, Manatee – Sarasota (SCF) acknowledges five academic classification categories that apply to all students: Good Standing, Academic Warning, Probation, Academic Suspension, and Academic Dismissal.

**Good Standing**

A student is considered in Good Standing when the term and cumulative grade point averages (GPAs) are 2.0 or above, or on initial Good Standing during the first semester after transfer from another college or university, regardless of the transfer GPA.

**Academic Warning**

A student is considered on Academic Warning when the term GPA or the cumulative GPA is below 2.0. The records are coded to reflect this status. The student is notified at the end of the term and the Early Alert System is initiated.

A student on Academic Warning is encouraged to seek assistance from a counselor early in the term to plan a course of action that would result in Good Standing. When the student’s term and cumulative GPAs reach 2.0, the warning status is removed. If a student’s GPA remains a 2.0, the student is placed on Probation and notified at the end of the term.

**Probation**

A student is considered on Probation when the student has:

- a) a term GPA or cumulative GPA that is below 2.0; and
- b) has received an Academic Warning classification and has not returned to Good Standing.

A student is informed of the Probation classification at the end of the term and a code is placed on the student’s record. The student is required to see a counselor to initiate a contractual intervention strategy that would assist the student in meeting individualized educational goals. Such strategies may include, but are not limited to:
a) repeating all courses where the final grade of “D” or “F” has been earned, and all college preparatory courses that must also be taken; and/or
b) enrolling in fewer courses in a given term; and/or
c) limiting participation in non-academic activities.

Probation status will be lifted when the student has attained Good Standing. If the student earns a 2.0 term GPA, but the cumulative GPA remains below 2.0 the student will continue on Academic Probation for an additional term. Should the student fail to earn both a 2.0 semester and cumulative GPA the following semester, the student’s status will be changed to Academic Suspension.

**Academic Suspension**

A student is considered on Academic Suspension when the Probation status has not improved to a Good Standing classification.

Each student is notified at the end of the term and a code will be placed on the student’s record. The student is not permitted to enroll for one term (Fall, Spring, Summer). Following the suspended term, the student must apply for readmission.

All readmission applications are reviewed by the College Admissions Committee. A student must earn a 2.0 term GPA and cumulative GPA to avoid Academic Dismissal.

**Academic Dismissal**

A student who has not earned a 2.0 term and cumulative GPA following an Academic Suspension will be Academically Dismissed and will be unable to attend State College of Florida, Manatee – Sarasota for one year. Each student is notified of Academic Dismissal at the end of the term, and a code is placed on the student’s record.

**NOTE:** A student on Academic Suspension or Academic Dismissal may be immediately reinstated upon agreement to enroll in a contractual intervention strategy established by a counselor. Failure to follow through on the recommendations could result in Academic Dismissal.

**Appeals**

A student may appeal the academic classification by submitting to a counselor a letter of appeal no later than fifteen (15) business days after the classification notification. The appeal would then be forwarded to the College Admissions Committee for decision.

The letter must include clearly stated and documented examples of extenuating circumstances that prevented satisfactory progress. Examples of acceptable documentation could include medical or legal statements and/or documents that could verify the student’s appeal request.
The decision of the Committee will be documented and sent to the student, and a copy of the notification will be placed in the student’s file.

If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the College Admissions Committee, one final appeal may be initiated by submitting a letter of appeal to the Vice President of Educational and Student Services within ten (10) business days after the receipt of the College Admissions Committee decision. The decision of the Vice President of Educational and Student Services will be final.