

- d. Each department will determine whether or not the honors project will count toward the major. Honors projects taken for academic credit will, however, count toward the maximum of 14 units permitted in one department.
- e. If the department determines that a completed project does not meet the appropriate standard to be awarded honors but that the project does constitute otherwise acceptable work, a project taken for academic credit receives credit toward graduation and the grade is computed as part of the major and cumulative GPA.

The Dean's List comprises those students who in the preceding semester earned a GPA of 3.6 or higher in a minimum of four courses worth at least one unit each and for which a number grade was received. Students who receive an X grade in an independent study or project and who earn a 3.6 or higher average in a minimum of three or more courses may receive Dean's List designation.

Academic Petitions Committee

Students occasionally experience extenuating circumstances that interfere with their intent to follow rules and procedures regarding various facets of University life. Students may also find confusing or unacceptable an interpretation of a rule or procedure as applied to their individual situation. The academic petitions committee meets weekly during the fall and spring semesters to discuss requests by students to consider exceptions to University policy regarding schedule changes, course grade options, distribution requirements and graduation requirements. Appropriate documentation and academic advisor and/or course instructor substantiation of claims to extenuating circumstances must be provided by the petitioning student. Information about the petition procedure is available from the chair of the academic petitions committee or the registrar.

Academic Standing Eligibility for New York State Awards

All students eligible for New York State awards such as Tuition Assistance (TAP) and regents scholarships must complete minimum course progress and meet minimum GPA requirements to retain such awards in subsequent semesters. These requirements are mandated by the New York State Department of Education. The standards of satisfactory progress are detailed in the *Student Handbook*.

Academic standing is determined by two criteria: the quality of academic achievement as indicated by the cumulative GPA and progress toward the degree.

A student is expected to maintain:

1. A cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
2. Satisfactory progress in units completed toward graduation.
3. Satisfactory progress and GPA in the major. (This applies to juniors and seniors who have earned 17 or more units toward graduation.)

A student not meeting these expectations will be placed on probation or suspended from the University; however, a student placed on probation but permitted to remain at the University as an enrolled student shall be considered a student in good standing where questions of eligibility for financial aid programs are concerned.

The records of all students not meeting these expectations are reviewed at the end of each semester (and of the academic summer session) by the committee on academic standing.

Normal Academic Standing

Normally, academic standing is defined as (1) earning the minimum number of course units as indicated in the Guidelines for Normal Academic Progress (below) and (2) maintaining a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.

Guidelines for Normal Academic Progress

<i>End of Term</i>	<i>Units Completed</i>
1	4.5
2	9.0
3	13.0
4	17.0
5	21.0
6	25.0
7	29.0
8	33.5

International Students

International students under F- and J-type visas are required to carry and complete at least 3.5 units of work each semester.

Required Summerterm

At the end of the academic year, first-year students or sophomores who have cumulative averages of less than 1.75 and juniors with GPAs less than 2.0 will be required to attend Summerterm at St. Lawrence. Academic improvement, demonstrated by earning a minimum Summerterm average of 2.25 or a higher standard of performance as stipulated by the academic standing committee, is required.

Guidelines for Probation

Students will be placed on academic probation if they fail to meet satisfactory levels of performance as reflected by one of three measures: cumulative GPA, semester GPA or major GPA.

Cumulative GPA - Students are placed on academic probation if their cumulative GPA falls within the following range based on terms completed:

<i>Completed Term(s)</i>	<i>Minimum Cumulative GPA</i>
1-4	1.50-1.99
5-7	1.75-1.99
8-10	< 2.0

If their progress is deemed not satisfactory, they are placed on probation and receive letters that indicate that they must (1) earn a semester GPA of 2.0 or above in their first semester on probation and (2) raise their overall GPA to a 2.0 or higher in the ensuing semester or they will be suspended. All students on probation

must carry a full course load of at least four courses worth at least one unit each.

Students on probation are expected to work with the academic skills coordinator or the director of academic advising and their academic advisor to plan a program to address their academic situation. For more information, consult with the registrar.

Semester GPA - Junior or first-semester seniors with a semester GPAs below 1.75 will be placed on academic probation.

Major GPA - Students whose GPA in their major (i.e., the average of grades in courses applicable to the major) falls below 2.0 will be placed on academic probation. Students whose GPA in their declared major remains below 2.0 for two semesters, and who are unable to find a suitable probationary major, will be suspended.

Guidelines for Academic Suspension

Students who fall into one or more of the following categories will be suspended:

1. First-year students (including first-semester first-year students) or sophomores with cumulative GPAs of less than 1.5, juniors and first-semester seniors with cumulative GPAs of less than 1.75, and second-semester seniors with cumulative GPAs of less than 2.0.
2. Students on probation who do not earn a semester GPA of 2.0 or above in their first semester on probation, or do not increase their overall GPA to 2.0 at the end of the following semester.
3. Students who do not earn a minimum average of 2.25 or the higher standard of performance stipulated by the academic standing committee, during a required Summerterm.
4. Students who have less than a cumulative GPA of 2.0 in their major and cannot find a new or probationary major.

Students other than first-year students suspended after their first semester are suspended for one calendar year. Suspended students are not considered St. Lawrence University students and are not eligible to receive credit for or take courses at the University.

Students who are suspended at the end of their first semester (and only at the end of their first semester), shall be offered one of the following options:

1. Take a suspension for a full calendar year *or*
2. a. Students who matriculated in the fall semester may take a suspension of one semester (the spring following the fall in which they were suspended), after which they may apply to take up to two courses in Summerterm Session I during which they will also be required to work in a program designed by the coordinator for academic support and the coordinator for academic achievement or their successors. Completion of this program to the satisfaction of the two coordinators, together with a 2.5 average in all summer course work, shall entitle the student to apply for re-admission for the fall semester.
- b. Students who matriculated in the spring semester may take a suspension of one summer plus one semester (the fall following the spring in which they were suspended), after which they may apply to return for the spring semester during which they will also be required to work in a program designed by the coordinator for academic support and the coordinator for academic achievement or their successors. Completion of this program to the satisfaction of the two coordinators, together with a 2.5 average in all spring term course work, shall entitle the student to apply for re-admission for Summerterm and the following fall semester.

The following table shows the cumulative GPA that will lead to suspension.

<i>End of Term</i>	<i>Minimum Cumulative GPA</i>
1-4	< 1.50
5-7	< 1.75
8	< 2.0

Appeal of Academic Suspension

Suspended students who can document extenuating circumstances have the right to

appeal to the academic standing committee. Appeals, which will be reviewed by the committee and the dean of academic affairs, should be directed to the registrar.

Readmission

Suspended students other than first-year students may apply to St. Lawrence University for readmission one calendar year after they were suspended. Applications for readmission are available from the registrar. In addition to the completed application, the following information must be provided:

1. Transcripts of academic work undertaken while suspended.
2. Letters from instructors of courses in which students were enrolled while suspended.
3. If applicable, letters of support from employers, counselors or therapists with whom the student has worked since suspension.

An interview with the chairperson of the academic standing committee may be required.

Expulsion

Students will be expelled if they have been readmitted but fail to meet their academic readmission requirements. Expelled students who can document extenuating circumstances have the right to appeal to the academic standing committee. Appeals should be directed to the registrar. Expulsion represents a complete severance of ties to the University. Students who have been expelled from St. Lawrence University do not have the option to apply for readmission.

Academic Resources and Opportunities

Academic Advising

It is our expectation that students at St. Lawrence University engage in the process of academic planning over their academic career in order to best achieve their academic goals and reach their full potential. By academic planning