

**Southern Illinois University School of Law**

**[Excerpted from the School of Law Rules for AY 2024-2025]**

**ARTICLE III - ACADEMIC REGULATIONS**

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**Good Standing, Probation, Dismissal, and Voluntary Withdrawal** [amended 4/15/2008, effective June 1, 2008; amended 4/20/10; 5/10/21; 11/18/22; 3/31/23; 4/28/23]

(a) Academic Dismissal at the End of the First Full Semester [added 4/28/23]. At the end of the first full semester (or the equivalent for a part-time student), a student with a cumulative GPA of 1.599 or below shall be dismissed from the School of Law, without right of petition or appeal. Students with a cumulative GPA of 1.600 to 1.999 must meet with the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Student Compliance to receive academic counseling.

(b) Good Standing and Dismissal at the End of the Second Full Semester. At the end of the second full semester (or the equivalent for a part-time student), a student with a cumulative GPA of 2.000 or above shall be considered to be in “good standing” and eligible to continue studies at the School of Law. A student whose cumulative GPA is less than 1.800 shall be dismissed from the School of Law, without right of petition or appeal.

Good standing will be determined based on all courses in which a final grade has actually been assigned.

(c) Academic Probation at the End of the Second Full Semester.

(i) At the end of the second full semester (or the equivalent for a part-time student), a student whose cumulative GPA is at least 1.800 but less than 2.000 is eligible to continue studies at the School of Law, but is not in good standing. Such student shall be placed on academic probation and shall be promptly notified of such action, which notice shall include a copy of this rule.

(ii) A student on academic probation must:

(A) prior to the start of the next full semester, meet with the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Student Compliance;

(B) prior to the start of the next full semester, meet with the Director of Academic Success to develop a plan of remediation;

(C) achieve a GPA of at least 2.000 in each of the next two full semesters;

(D) achieve a cumulative GPA of at least 2.000 at the end of the student's fourth full semester; and

(E) take at least 12 hours per semester.

(iii) A student who fails to meet any of the conditions set forth in the preceding subsection (ii) shall be dismissed from the School of Law without right of petition or appeal.

(d) Good Standing and Dismissal at the End of the Fourth Full Semester. At the end of the fourth full semester, a student with a cumulative GPA of 2.000 will be considered in "good standing" and eligible to continue their studies at the School of Law. A student whose cumulative GPA is less than 1.900 shall be dismissed from the School of Law, without right of petition or appeal.

Good standing will be determined based on all courses in which a final grade has actually been assigned.

(e) Academic Probation at the End of the Fourth Full Semester. [amended 11/18/22]

(i) At the end of the fourth full semester, a student whose cumulative GPA is at least 1.900 but less than 2.000, and whose GPA was 2.000 or above at the end of the second full semester, is eligible to continue studies at the School of Law, but is not in good standing. Such student shall be placed on academic probation and shall be promptly notified of such action, which notice shall include a copy of this rule.

(ii) A student on academic probation must, prior to the start of the next full semester:

(A) meet with the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Student Compliance; and

(B) meet with the Director of Academic Success to develop a plan of remediation.

(iii) A student who fails to meet either of the conditions set forth in the preceding subsection (ii) shall be dismissed from the School of Law without right of petition or appeal.

(f) Voluntary Withdrawal from the Law School [amended 3/31/23]

Only students who meet the following requirements may withdraw voluntarily from all courses at the School of Law and return without having to reapply for admission to the School of Law. Voluntary withdrawal is also subject to all

University requirements and deadlines, as well as Rule III.5(f)(iv) (Deadline for Program Changes).

(i) Students Who Have Not Yet Completed Two Full Semesters

- (A) General Rule. A student who has not yet completed two full semesters may voluntarily withdraw from the School of Law and may return without petition if the student does so within 15 months following the date of withdrawal and only if the student hasn't already withdrawn and returned from the previous academic year for any reason. If more than 15 months have elapsed since the student's withdrawal, the student may return only by petitioning the Dean, which petition shall be freely granted if justice so requires. A student can exercise this right of withdrawal and return only once during the student's time at the School of Law.
- (B) Completion of All First-Year Courses Required. A student who voluntarily withdraws from the Law School before completion of two full semesters must, upon readmission, complete all required first-year courses before being permitted to take upper-level courses. If a first-year course is subsequently removed from the catalog or no longer offered in the same format, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Curricular Development will designate a course, or combination of courses, that the student must take to meet the degree requirement. [amended 5/17/21; 11/18/22]
- (C) Retaking First-Year Courses after Withdrawal. If a student withdraws from the Law School prior to completing two full semesters and has been assigned a final grade in any first year course, or all assignments in the course have been completed but a final grade has not been assigned, the student may not, upon readmission, re-take any such course prior to completing two full semesters.

(ii) Students Who Have Completed at Least Two Full Semesters

- (A) Students in Good Standing. A student who has completed at least two full semesters and who is in good standing at the time of withdrawal may voluntarily withdraw from the School of Law and may return without petition if the student does so within 15 months following the date of withdrawal. If more than 15 months have elapsed since the student's withdrawal, the student may return only by petitioning the Dean, which petition shall be freely granted if justice so requires.

- (B) Students on Academic Probation at Time of Withdrawal. A student who has completed at least two full semesters and who is on academic probation under either Rule III.2(b) or III.2(d) at the time of withdrawal may voluntarily withdraw from the School of Law and may return without petition if the student does so within 15 months following the date of withdrawal. If more than 15 months have elapsed since the student's withdrawal, the student may return only by petitioning the Dean, which petition shall be freely granted if justice so requires. Any student who is on academic probation at the time such student voluntarily withdraws must, upon readmission, continue to satisfy the conditions of probation to which the student was subject prior to withdrawal.
- (f) Students Matriculating at the School of Law Before August 1, 2010. For all students who matriculated at the School of Law before August 1, 2010, academic good standing, eligibility to continue study at the School of Law, graduation eligibility, withdrawal, and any other related matters not addressed by these Rules shall be determined under the Rules of the Southern Illinois University School of Law for Academic Year 2009–10 last amended February 16, 2010.