

PROBATION, SUSPENSION, UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES, AND ACADEMIC COACHING TIMELINE AND REMINDERS

Office of Exploratory Advising & Academic Coaching



NOTIFICATION OF PROBATION

- Final grade processing for the Fall term will be occurring on Dec. 18th.
- The academic status of students will be updated by the Registrar's office either on that day or the day after and a list will be sent to the EA Office.
- Letters (via e-mail) notifying students of probation (for first semester freshmen as well as transfer students) will be sent out on Monday, Dec. 22nd.
- These probation letters will include information/instructions about the student's academic coaching mandate



NOTIFICATION OF SUSPENSION

- Students who have been placed on 1st suspension by the Registrar's Office will be sent notification via e-mail by the EA office on the same date of the 22nd.
- The University Registrar places students on academic probation and suspension— *not* colleges, departments, advisors, or the UAC.
- **Petitioning Suspension:** students petition their suspension with the college they were enrolled in at the time of their suspension (example: if student was enrolled in the MCEC for fall 2025 they petition MCEC regardless if they changed into a different major for the upcoming spring semester).



IMPORTANT NOTES REGARDING SUSPENSION

- **USC Columbia policy:** students with fewer than 12 earned credit hours at conclusion of fall are not placed on probation, regardless of GPA
 - If your student dropped course(s) and went below 12 hours, be aware that they may 'slip through the net'
- **USC Columbia policy:** students are placed on probation after their first semester regardless of how low their GPA is (i.e. you cannot go directly from good standing to suspension)



UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES UPDATES/REMINDERS

- The Spring 2026 deadline to dismiss students into UGS is Wednesday, January 7th, 2026 (all college contacts have already been emailed this deadline)
- Reminder: if a student is suspended at the end of Fall 2025 they must petition their suspension with the college they were enrolled in. (for example, a CIC student gets dismissed into UGS Dec. 15th and is suspended on Dec. 22nd they need to petition their suspension through CIC)
- Students dismissed into UGS at the end of Fall will be seen as priority students (ideally before spring classes start) as soon as the university opens back up on Jan. 2nd.
- Please contact Rachel Bradley rachel.bradley@sc.edu with any UGS related questions/concerns



ESSENTIAL SOUNDBITES:

UNIVERSITY PROBATION AND SUSPENSION

- A student's academic standing is determined by their USC GPA hours (attempted, not earned) and USC GPA.
 - Probation/Suspension matrix on UAC website → Academic Coaching → Probation and Suspension --> Academic Probation
 - Probation/Suspension chart: [University Academic Probation - Academic Advising | University of South Carolina](#)
- How are students notified?
 - It is the student's responsibility to monitor their academic standing in Self Service Carolina (found in the *student profile*).
 - The UAC only notifies students on probation in their first year and students serving their first suspension, as these students are part of the Academic Recovery policy in the USC bulletin.
 - The University Registrar does not notify students who are on probation after their first year or on their second suspension.
- **NOTE:** If grade forgiveness raises a student's GPA above probation/suspension thresholds, the student must contact the University Registrar for an update to their academic standing.



ACADEMIC COACHING TIMELINE

- Academic Coaching availability begins the day after the add/drop deadline (January 21)
- Students are sent an invitation to make a coaching appointment at the time they are notified of probation.
- FYPs (First-Year Probation Students) as well as first-semester transfer students on probation are mandated to attend an academic coaching session. They must also complete an Academic Coaching profile prior to their scheduled hour-long coaching session
- Academic Coach and FYP co-create an Academic Plan during session(s)
 - Students may be scheduled for follow up coaching appointments
- Office of EA & AC tracks students who have completed their coaching requirement
 - FYPs who have not scheduled a session by the end of week 6 of semester have an ACR (academic recovery) hold placed on their account
 - Students who no-show/cancel their scheduled session after end of week 6 have ACR holds placed on their accounts
 - Holds are lifted as students complete their coaching requirement

EA AVAILABILITY FOR SPRING 2026

- Appointment availability will be limited for the majority of the spring semester as we move forward with hiring and training new EA advisors.
- Students and staff can be referred to the following new landing page for EA for more information:
- [Exploratory Advising/Academic Coaching - Academic Advising | University of South Carolina](#)
- Please urge students who are thinking about wanting to change their major to not delay scheduling a meeting with us during the less busy first half of the semester.