Module 2:
What exactly is Probation?

IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND HOW TO GET OFF PROBATION, YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND SOME BASIC UK POLICIES AND REGULATIONS.

THE FOLLOWING SECTION WILL ASSIST YOU IN BETTER UNDERSTANDING WHAT PROBATION MEANS AND HOW YOU GET BACK TO “ACADEMIC GOOD STANDING”.
Grade Point Average (GPA) is a numeric representation of your letter grades.

There are two types of GPAs:

- **TERM GPA** = GPA for one term (semester).
- **CUMULATIVE GPA** = GPA that includes every term at UK (transfer coursework from KCTCS schools is not calculated in the UK cumulative GPA beginning fall 2007)

**NOTE:** A student who has completed only one semester at UK would have **TERM GPA = CUMULATIVE GPA.**
What is “Academic Good Standing”?

ACADEMIC GOOD STANDING IS WHEN:

Students earn a 2.0 or higher Cumulative GPA

NOTE:
Maintaining a 2.0 Cumulative GPA or higher is important because:

- A minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA is required to graduate from UK.
- Students are also required to have a minimum 2.0 GPA in their major course work.
Why am I on Probation?

You are on probation for one of two reasons:

- Your cumulative GPA is below 2.0
- You have completed 2 consecutive semesters with each term below a 2.0 -- regardless of your cumulative GPA

Who else is on probation?

Every semester, between 150-200 students are placed on probation in A&S. You are not alone!
What *Academic Probation* means. . .

- Academic probation means you can take a **maximum** of 15 hours this semester.

- **While on Academic Probation, you need to earn a minimum 2.0 term GPA.**

- While on Academic Probation, you are encouraged to frequently contact your academic advisor. We are here to help you get back on track!

**Suggested Reading**

http://www.uky.edu/Registrar/bulletinCurrent/acreq.pdf
Probation Policies: Additional Information

- Your transfer work from other institutions **never** affects your UK GPA or probation status.

- Whether you take a class a BCTC or Harvard—those credits will not calculate into UK undergraduate GPA.
Work with your advisor and use your campus resources. We are here to help!

Yes you can... get off of academic probation!

Dr. Greg Bocchino
Director, A&S Advising and Student Services

He was on probation as an undergrad!
Here’s the bad news…

YOU WILL BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR ACADEMIC SUSPENSION…

1. If you fail to earn a 2.0 Term GPA for any term while on probation.

or

2. If your Cumulative (CUM) GPA remains below a 2.0 for three consecutive semesters.
How you avoid that?!?

Raise your Cumulative GPA to a 2.0 or higher

or

Earn a 2.0 or higher next semester if your CUM GPA is already above 2.0

Let’s now see what you need to do to change your GPA....
Increasing your Cumulative GPA

Question:
How can I raise my GPA?

Answer:
Earning A & B grades will result in raising your GPA.
Why only As and Bs?

Earning a 2.00 GPA is equal to a C average.

Although earning C’s next semester could help you avoid suspension, they will not significantly improve your Cumulative GPA.
Calculate your semester GPA

Use the form below

Divide total credit hours by total quality points

Calculate your GPA:

1. Complete the chart below

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<th>COURSE</th>
<th>CREDIT HOURS</th>
<th>GRADE EXPECTED</th>
<th>QUALITY POINTS</th>
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<tr>
<td>Ex: PSY 100</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>B</td>
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<td>Total Quality Points: _______</td>
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Don’t include p/f or W classes

2. Divide your total Quality Points by your total Quality Hours _____

GPA

UK GRADE POINTS SCALE

Find the **credit hours** the course is worth on the left side and the **grade letter** on the top to determine how many quality grade points are earned.

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Calculate your cumulative GPA the same way

OR, USE THE ONLINE GPA CALCULATOR ON THE REGISTRAR’S SITE.

http://www.uky.edu/Registrar/GPACalc.htm

Print the following 6 slides to use as you calculate your anticipated cumulative GPA!
Directions to use the online GPA Calculator

- Go to: Http://www.uky.edu/Registrar/
- Or, search “Registrar” in the search box from the main UKY website.
- Click on the Calculate GPA link.

http://www.uky.edu/Registrar/
Step 1

- Get a copy of your Unofficial Transcript from MyUK.
  - Go to the MyRecords tab and select to see your unofficial transcript.
Start at the second-to-last row at the bottom of the page

On your transcript, find your cumulative **Total Quality Hours (QHRS)** – put this in the first box. Then enter your **cumulative GPA** in the second box. Click **COMPUTE**.

This will automatically fill in the next box **# of Quality Points (QPTS)**. If this number equals what is listed on your transcript you know you have entered the information correctly! See examples to the right. We used

- QHRS: 80
- GPA 2.325
- QPTS: 186.00

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<th># of Quality Hours</th>
<th>Grade Point Average</th>
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Cumulative GPA transcript data

Predicted Cumulative GPA

**Leave empty**
Step 3

- Enter your current semester classes in at the top of the page. Enter the grades you anticipate for this semester. You need to enter the credit hours for each class, and the grade you expect, then hit TAB and the system will calculate the # of Quality Points you will earn for those courses. For example, we listed the following classes below:
  - 3 credits with an A
  - 3 credits with a B
  - 3 credits with a D
  - 3 credits with a D

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<th>Letter Grade</th>
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Step 4

- Next, we want to see what your semester GPA will be if you earn these grades.
- Go halfway down on the page to the **Predicted Current GPA** – simply click **COMPUTE**. This will provide you with your semester GPA.

![Predicted Current GPA table]

Re-click the Compute buttons for Predicted Current GPA, Cumulative GPA transcript data, and Predicted Cumulative GPA whenever you change the "what-if" numbers entered into this calculator. Otherwise, your new "what-if" numbers will NOT be factored into the GPA predictions and your results will be incorrect.

![Detailed table with input fields and Compute/Reset buttons]
Step 5

- Determine how your **semester GPA** will impact your **cumulative GPA**.
- Go to the very bottom row – click **COMPUTE**. This will show you how your semester grades will calculate into your cumulative GPA!

![GPA Calculator Image]

- Final note: You can repeat steps 2-5 if you want to see how changing this semester’s grades will impact your semester and cumulative GPA.
Let’s take it a step further

Are you interested in attending:
- Graduate school?
- Professional school: Law, Dental, Medical, Pharmacy?
- Gatton College of Business or College of Engineering?

What GPA do you need to get into a selective program?

HINT: If you don’t know – find out now!
Realistic GPA Planning

At UK the *minimum* GPA for graduate school is 2.75. Many programs require higher GPA – 3.4 and up.

**Run a GPA calculation to see how long it will take you to reach your desired GPA.**

Don’t have time for the long hand calculation? Use this simple website:

http://www4.samford.edu/cgi-bin/samgpa.cgi
What about Repeat Options?

REPEAT OPTIONS CAN HELP YOU RAISE YOUR UK GPA BY REPLACING A LOW GRADE WITH A HIGHER GRADE.

THE FOLLOWING WILL EXPLAIN THE REPEAT OPTION POLICIES AND HOW TO USE THEM TO YOUR BEST BENEFIT.
Repeat Options – the fine print

- Each student has Three (3) Repeat Options available to use toward UK undergraduate coursework.

- The Repeat Option may be exercised **only the second time** a student takes a course for a letter grade at UK – Withdraws do not count.

- When a repeat option is filed, the second grade received will be the one used in calculation of the student’s GPA (though both courses and grades will remain on your transcript)

- **Repeat options are not automatic!** File your Repeat Option in the A&S Advising Center (311 POT). Repeat Option forms are available [here](#).

**NOTE:** Transfer courses CANNOT be used for Repeat Options.
Should you withdraw from a Course?

MARK THIS DATE:
FALL 2012 DEADLINE TO WITHDRAWAL
NOVEMBER 2ND
What you need to know:

• Beginning the first day of classes, students who withdraw are still responsible for tuition.

• Withdrawing from a class may change your status from Full-Time to Part-Time and could affect your financial aid. Check with your Financial Aid counselor in Funkhouser before withdrawing from a class.

• If you withdraw by the date on the previous slide, you will receive a W in the Class. A W on your transcript is usually better than having a poor grade (D or E).

• The W grade has no impact on GPA.

• You can withdraw from a class through myUK or at the Registrar’s Office without department or instructor permission.

• If you wish to withdraw from all your classes, you must go to the Registrar’s Office! MyUK will not allow you to drop all of your classes online!
Here is your required assignment for Module 2

✓ Print out the worksheet in Module 2 inside MOD 2 Assignments.
✓ Fill in the your anticipated semester and cumulative GPA from the Registrar’s Office GPA Calculator.
✓ Proceed next to the module(s) assigned to you by your advisor. Remember, everyone must complete modules 1, 2, and 5, plus any other modules assigned to you by your advisor.