

2020-2021 VMI

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Standards for Continued Enrollment:

A cadet in residence must meet **three** academic standards during each academic year in order to be in good academic standing and eligible to return for the following year.

- 1) A cadet must pass a total of at least 24 **new** semester hours during the Fall semester, the Spring semester, and the summer sessions. Hours passed prior to matriculation do **not** apply towards the 24-hour requirement. Exception: Hours passed during Summer Session II of 2020 (due to STP cancellation) apply towards the 24-hour requirement for **new** cadets (2024) only. Hours that are passed and later repeated are only counted during the semester in which they were originally passed.
- 2) Cadets who are receiving federal financial aid must also pass 80% of all registered activity to qualify for Title IV aid or VA Educational Benefits (Post 911 GI Bill ®), or a minimum of 24 new yearly hours (whichever is higher). In addition, the cadet must meet the required GPA and be on track to complete their degree within 10 semesters maximum time-frame. See the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy.
- 3) A cadet must also have the grade point average as shown in the table below.
- 4) A cadet must pass the cumulative hour requirement for his/her class as shown in the table below.



Implications of Academic Probation:

A cadet will be placed on academic probation if he or she fails to achieve the appropriate academic standard as published by the Dean at the beginning of each academic year. Additionally, a cadet may also be placed on academic probation if his or her grade reports or effort shows that the academic materials are not being fully comprehended (as initiated by the head of the cadet's curriculum and approved by the Dean).

If at the end of the semester the cadet meets the published academic standards, and has satisfied all other conditions defined by the Dean of the Faculty, he or she will be returned to satisfactory academic progress status.

Any cadet who remains on academic probation for three consecutive semesters will be suspended until he or she meets the requirements and applies for readmission. If such suspension occurs at the end of the fall semester, the cadet will not be eligible to apply for readmission until the following fall. If suspension occurs at the end of the spring semester, the cadet may use the summer months to make up his or her deficiencies and apply for readmission in the fall. Cadets suspended under either circumstance are eligible to attend the VMI Summer Session.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS - BY CLASS

Class	<u>PROBATION</u> <u>Fall</u> <u>Semester:</u> Minimum to Return on Probation		<u>GOOD</u> <u>STANDING</u> <u>Fall</u> <u>Semester:</u> Minimum Requirements		<u>PROBATION</u> <u>Spring</u> <u>Semester:</u> Probation		<u>GOOD</u> <u>STANDING</u> <u>Spring</u> <u>Semester:</u> Minimum Requirements	
	GPA	HRS	GPA	HRS	GP A	HRS	GPA	HRS
4th	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	 CADETS WILL RETURN IN THE SPRING UNDER ACADEMIC PROBATION IF THEY HAVE CREDIT OR GPA LESS THAN THE MINIMUM STANDARD 		1.50 CUM GPA	N/A
3rd	1.50 CUM GPA	24	1.80 CUM GPA	28			1.80 CUM GPA	42
2nd	1.80 CUM GPA	50	2.00 CUM GPA	55			2.00 CUM GPA	69
1st	2.00 CUM & MAJOR GPA	78	2.00 CUM & MAJOR GPA	82			2.00 CUM & MAJOR GPA	96
5th Year	2.00 CUM & MAJOR GPA	109	2.00 CUM & MAJOR GPA	109			2.00 CUM & MAJOR GPA	122

NOTE: Cadets who are not making satisfactory progress and placed on academic probation will have their financial aid affected. Please see the financial aid policy for satisfactory academic progress at: <http://www.vmi.edu/about/offices-a-z/financial-aid/satisfactory-academic-progress-policy/>

Academic Advising:

Cadets are strongly encouraged to meet with their assigned academic adviser on a regular basis, and to work out a plan of action for meeting yearly standards. As cadets advance through their cadetship they are expected to assume increased responsibility for complying with academic standards and regulations, initiating the use of support services, and making good decisions about the integration of the academic and co-curricular activities. Cadets with prior college experience who want to graduate in six semesters should obtain advisor assistance with course planning early in the cadetship.

Blue Book Restrictions - Cadets on Academic Probation:

- a. Will not have full class privileges.
- b. Cannot take weekends or days except under extraordinary circumstances. Cadets on Academic Probation wishing to take leave must submit a permit through the Commandant to the Dean of Faculty.
- c. Cannot hold rank in the Corps.
- d. Can only participate in one extracurricular activity. NCAA and club sports are excused from this restriction.
- e. Cannot sign out under the following permits: 1) Dine with Date 2) First Class Permit
- f. The Commandant may also direct Cadets on Academic Probation to be removed from leadership roles in committees such as the RDC, OGA, CEA, HC, and GC.

Readmission - Academic Guidelines for Return:

- Cadets who resign from VMI or are suspended for any reason must apply for fulltime readmission by **June 1** for the Fall semester, and **November 1** for the Spring semester.
- Cadets must meet the readmission standards as shown in the table that follows.
- Class assignments for readmission will be based on the total hours passed towards graduation. Cadets must meet the academic standards of the assigned class thereafter.
- Cadets readmitted for the spring semester must pass at least 12 hours during the spring semester and following summer, in addition to the GPA and cumulative hour requirements, in order to return for the fall semester.

MINIMUM ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR READMISSION

<u>VMI Semesters Completed</u>	<u>Hours Passed Towards Graduation</u>	<u>Cumulative GPA</u>	<u>Major GPA</u>
One	14	1.80	2.00
Two	28	1.80	2.00
Three	42	1.80	2.00
Four	55	2.00	2.00
Five	69	2.00	2.00
Six	82	2.00	2.00
Seven	96	2.00	2.00
Eight	109	2.00	2.00
Nine	122	2.00	2.00

Correcting Deficiencies: A cadet who wishes to improve his/her grade point average and/or cumulative hours towards graduation should consider the following:

- To raise cumulative GPA:** The best way to raise a grade point average is to attend the VMI Summer Session or another college and repeat failed VMI courses. Repeating courses in which a "D" grade was received will also improve the grade point average, but will not increase the hours passed. New courses taken at another college will not affect the grade point average and quality points do NOT transfer.
- To raise number of hours passed:** This may be done by attending VMI Summer Session or by attending another college and taking new courses or repeating courses failed at VMI. Repeating courses in which a "D" grade was received will not raise hours passed.
- Before taking courses at another college:** Always obtain written approval for transfer activity. Approval to substitute courses taken at another college for VMI courses must be obtained in advance from the heads of the departments in which the VMI courses are taught, the department head of the cadet's major, and the Registrar's Office.

Transfer credit from another college: Transfer hours from another college are accepted only if the grade earned is a "C" or better. Quality Points and GPA do not transfer.

Readmission Guidelines and Application Forms:

For the complete listing of readmission requirements (academic, disciplinary, medical/physical fitness standards, time limit restrictions and availability of space in the barracks), please visit VMI's website or contact the Registrar's Office at 540-464-7213.


Website: <http://www.vmi.edu/academics/dean/registrar/readmission/>

Transfer Credit Approval Process:

- A cadet who wishes to earn transfer credit for a course taken at another accredited college must have the approval of the head of the department in which a similar course is taught at VMI. The cadet should take both a course description and a VMI course-approval form to the department head and secure his or her written permission. The course approval form must also be signed by the cadet's department head and submitted to the Registrar's office before registering for the course. Information pertaining to VMI's Transfer Credit policies and procedures may be found at: <http://www.vmi.edu/academics/dean/registrar/registration-and-enrollment/transfer-activity-after-matriculation/>
- A minimum grade of C or better is required for transfer.
- Writing Intensive and Civilizations and Cultures courses are not transferrable and must be taken at VMI.
- Cadets are limited to 18 hours of transfer credit during the summer and winter terms.
- Cadets are reminded that VMI has a six semester residency requirement at VMI and should plan appropriately when planning courses for transfer.
- Summer Limit (All Classes): A maximum of 18 semester hours may be transferred from summer sessions, inter-semester sessions, or Internet and distance learning courses taken at other colleges. Summer hours earned prior to matriculation are not counted in the 18 credit limit.
- Transfer credit cannot be accepted or posted to a cadet's record unless verified through an official transcript. Cadets should report to the Registrar's Office of the school which the courses are being taken and request an official copy of the transcript be sent to: Virginia Military Institute
Office of the Registrar
303 Shell Hall
Lexington, VA 24450

NOTE 1: A cadet athlete must meet the NCAA minimum academic and competition eligibility requirement for his/her class in order to be in good standing and eligible to compete each semester. NCAA Standards may be found at: <http://www.ncaa.org/>.

NOTE 2: A second academic suspension results in dismissal from the Institute.



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