

THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
HUGH HODGSON SCHOOL OF MUSIC
RETENTION POLICY AND PROCEDURES

UNIVERSITY POLICY

UGA policy stipulates that once a student's GPA falls below 2.00 that student is placed on **Scholastic Probation**.

- That process is initiated at the end of any term in which their cumulative (University of Georgia) grade point average falls below 2.00.
- If a student's cumulative GPA remains below 2.00 for two or more consecutive terms, the individual is then placed on **Continued Probation**.
- Students may remove themselves from Academic Probation by achieving a 2.00 cumulative grade point average.
- Students will be subject to dismissal from the University for academic reasons after two successive terms on probation.

For detailed information regarding dismissal, please see:

<http://bulletin.uga.edu/bulletin/acad/Dismissal.html>.

FRANKLIN COLLEGE POLICY

Franklin College requires students to maintain a C or better average in all major courses. If a C- or less is earned in a major course, the major course must be repeated.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC POLICY – BMUS MUSIC EDUCATION

The Hugh Hodgson School of Music requires students to maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or greater. Individuals pursuing the BMUS Music Education degree must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.80 or higher. If a student's cumulative GPA falls below those compulsory requirements at the end of term, the individual will be placed on **School of Music Probation**. The following concerns HHSOM's protocol concerning that designation:

- The student will be required to undergo a preliminary assessment from our Retention Officer. At that meeting, the individual will be evaluated and given short-term goals to meet before the end of the term. These interim benchmarks and deadlines will be drafted from student need, instructor expectation, and advisor recommendation. Failure to keep this appointment will result the student being denied clearance from the upcoming term's registration period.
- The student in question will be required to demonstrate improvement by the deadline previously stipulated. If he or she fails to do so, the individual will receive a formal letter from Dr. Martha Thomas' office outlining the unsatisfactory performance that term and their official placement on **School of Music Probation**.
- Music students have one semester to bring their grades to their respective GPA minimums. If by the end of the second semester an individual fails to do so, the student receives a second and final letter from Dr. Thomas' office outlining the consequences of not adhering to this policy. They are as follows: denied admittance into a major, a request to leave a major area (this most directly applied to Music Education and Music Therapy), or being prohibited from undergoing the final teaching/music therapy practicums.