Computer Engineering Probation Workshop
Overview

1. Why am I on probation?
2. What is the goal of probation?
3. Probation Outcomes/Consequences
4. University Policies
5. Resources
1. Why am I on Probation?

- Everyone has somewhat different circumstance, but everyone on probation is having academic difficulty

- University Probation
  - SJSU cumulative GPA < 2.0

- Major Probation Causes
  - Major GPA < 2.0
  - lack of progress in major: Not taking or getting passing grade in any class in major for 2 consecutive semesters
  - Failing 2\textsuperscript{nd} repeat (3\textsuperscript{rd} attempt) of any CMPE/SE/CS course
Major GPA

- Major Courses:
  - All engineering, Science & Math courses (except Engr 195A/B)
  - listed under writing assessment, Preparation for the Major, Requirements for the Major, and technical electives

- Major GPA calculation
  - Based on SJSU unofficial transcript
  - Based on catalog assigned
  - Math 30P and Math 30PL count as 3 units
  - NC (No Credit) in CS 46A counts as F
  - Math 19 and Phys 49 do not count
  - Grade Forgiveness (GF):
    - 2 attempts will waive lower grade
    - > 2 attempts all grades count
2. What is the goal of Probation?

- Academic probation is an intervention, not a punishment
- Not meeting academic expectations and standards of the University/College
- Mechanism to match support with students who may need it
  - Potential “wake-up call”
  - We’re looking to have you change your behavior before you are DQed
3. Probation Outcomes/Consequences

- University Probation
  - May enroll in up to 12 units, more requires approval
    - Resist urge to “catch up”
  - Fall 2017
    - SJSU Overall GPA ≥ 2.0
      - removed from University Probation
    - SJSU Overall GPA < 2.0 but SJSU Term GPA ≥ 2.0
      - Continued Probation
    - SJSU Overall GPA < 2.0 and SJSU Term GPA < 2.0
      - University Disqualification*
  * Frosh (<30 units) exception – Term GPA 1.50-1.99 – Continued Probation (1-time only)
Academic Probation and Disqualification Process

Semester 1

- Good Standing
  - SJSU cum. GPA ≥ 2.0
  - SJSU cum. GPA < 2.0

Semester 2

- Good Standing
  - SJSU cum. GPA ≥ 2.0
  - Term GPA < 2.0

- Probation
  - Term GPA ≥ 2.0 with SJSU cum. GPA < 2.0

Semester 3

- Good Standing
- Continued Probation
  - Same conditions as Probation
- DQ
  - See Advisor for next steps

Exception for Frosh (<30 units)
Freshmen on Academic Probation are allowed a second consecutive semester of probation if their term GPA is from 1.50-1.99.
3. Probation Outcomes/Consequences

- **Major Probation**
  - Strongly recommended to not take > 13 units
  - Potential Outcomes

A) Due to low GPA:
  - Overall Major GPA $\geq 2.0$
    - removed from Major Probation
  - Overall Major GPA $< 2.0$ but Term Major GPA $\geq 2.0$
    - Continued Major Probation
  - Overall Major GPA $< 2.0$ and Term Major GPA $< 2.0$
    - subject to Major Disqualification
Academic Probation and Disqualification Process in the College of Engineering

Semester 1

- Good Standing (Major GPA ≥ 2.0)

Semester 2

- Good Standing (Major GPA ≥ 2.0)
- Probation (Term major GPA < 2.0, Term Major GPA ≥ 2.0 with Major GPA < 2.0)

Semester 3

- Good Standing
- Continued Probation (Same conditions as Probation)
- DQ (See Advisor for next steps)

Exception for Frosh (<30 units): Freshmen on Academic Probation are allowed a second consecutive semester of probation.

*Note: probation or DQ in the major may occur simultaneously with probation or DQ from the university.*
3. Probation Outcomes/Consequences (Cont)

- Potential Outcomes
  
  B) lack of academic progress

  - If you don’t take classes in the Major
    - subject to Major Disqualification
  
  - If you make significant progress in the Major
    - removed from Major Probation
3. Probation Outcomes/Consequences (Cont)

- Potential Outcomes

  C) Due to multiple repeats

  - failing after 3\textsuperscript{rd} repeat (4\textsuperscript{th} attempt)
    - subject to **Major Disqualification**
  
  - failing after 2\textsuperscript{nd} repeat of a different CMPE/SE/CS course
    - subject to **Major Disqualification**

  - passing repeated course
    - *removed* from Major Probation
If you are on Major probation, you could be Disqualified for the same reason or other reason (mix & match)
  - Major changed to “Undeclared”.

Reinstatement:
  - Department uses change of major policy
  - Both SJSU Cumulative & STEM GPAs should be $\geq$ impact GPA (F17: 2.9 for CMPE, 3.0 for SE)
4. University Policies

- Course Repeats
  - No Advanced Registration
  - Grade Forgiveness
    - Max. 16 units (up to 9 lower division & 9 upper division)
    - Your original grade will still show on your transcript, but it will no longer factor into your GPA calculation.
    - Does not apply to community college coursework
      - Sometimes, it may be better for you to forgo grade forgiveness and repeat at the CC so that you can make degree progress.
    - It may take some time after grades post for grade forgiveness to kick in. When it does, you will see a note under the course on your unofficial transcript.
  - May only take a course TWICE without petitioning
4. University Policies

- Taking time away from the University voluntarily
  - You may take one semester away from the College without approval
  - Leave of Absence (LOA)
    - One term or longer with an expected return date
    - Approved by advisor
  - When you take more than one consecutive semester away without LOA, you’ll need to apply for readmission.

- Course/Term Withdrawal
  - During the semester (Late Drop or Withdrawal from term)
  - After the semester (Retroactive Withdrawal)
5. Resources

- Class
  - Attend all classes on time, be prepared to participate
  - Complete assignments on time
  - Turn off distracting electronics during class!

- Study Time – balance solo/group
  - Identify a “fortress of solitude” to study
  - Establish a regular time to study each subject
  - Minimum 3 hours/1 unit per week
  - Ask for help
  - Faculty office hours
5. Resources

- Time Management
  - Put all assignments and exams on your schedule as soon as you get your syllabus.
  - Create a weekly schedule in your calendar
  - To do list
  - Prioritize your commitments

- Selective scheduling
  - Consider whether your course load is realistic
  - Think about whether you’ve stacked your schedule with time-intensive, difficult courses.
5. Resources

- **Academic Resources**
  - **Engineering Student Success Center**
    - Follow-up advising appointments
    - Major Advisor
  - **Tutoring**
    - Peer Connections: [http://peerconnections.sjsu.edu](http://peerconnections.sjsu.edu)
    - Math: [http://www.sjsu.edu/math/](http://www.sjsu.edu/math/)
    - Physics: [http://physics.sjsu.edu/](http://physics.sjsu.edu/)
5. Resources

- Non-Academic Resources
  - Counseling Services - sjsu.edu/counseling
    - Educational Counseling
    - Workshops – Time Management, Test Anxiety, Test-taking Tips, and more
    - Personal Counseling
  - Wellness & Health Promotion – sjsu.edu/wellness
  - Career Center – sjsu.edu/careercenter
Questions?

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