Academic Standards
for
UC Santa Cruz Regents Scholars

Regents Scholarships are renewed annually for a maximum of 12 quarters for entering frosh and six quarters for juniors provided:

1. the Scholar maintains a 3.0 cumulative GPA and
2. the Scholar earns at least a 2.5 GPA each quarter and
3. the Scholar makes satisfactory academic progress toward a baccalaureate degree and
4. the Scholar is enrolled full-time according to the requirements of their chosen department (minimum of 15 units per quarter or 45 units per academic year). College Provosts can waive the 15 units per quarter requirement if they recommend all their frosh take only 12 units during their first quarter of attendance. Furthermore, if a student is experiencing special circumstances, they may petition for special permission to attend part-time.

A Regents Scholar who does not meet the above requirements will be placed on probation.

**Level One Probation**
- Scholars will be placed on Level One Probation if they:
  - earn below a 3.0 cumulative GPA at the end of any quarter
  - earn below a 2.5 current GPA for any quarter
  - earn less than 15 units in one quarter
- When Scholars are notified of their Level One Probation status at the beginning of the next quarter, they must meet with their Program Advisor or College Academic Preceptor to develop strategy to improve their academic performance.
- Scholars retain Regents Scholarship Program benefits and financial awards while on Level One Probation.

**Level Two Probation**
- Scholars will be placed on Level Two Probation if they:
  - have earned below a 3.0 cumulative GPA for two consecutive quarters
  - have earned below a 2.5 current GPA for two consecutive quarters
  - have earned less than 15 units per quarter for two consecutive quarters
- When Scholars are notified of their Level Two Probation status at the beginning of the next quarter, they must meet with the Provost of their college.
- Scholars retain Regents Scholarship Program benefits while on Level Two Probation but do not receive the Regents Scholarship award. Scholars may appeal for reinstatement of the Scholarship award due to special circumstances (see appeal process below).

Scholars on probation continue to use quarters of Regents Scholarship eligibility. Funds withheld from Scholars on Level Two Probation are not held in reserve for them.

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Regents Scholarships will be revoked if

- a Scholar earns below a 3.0 cumulative GPA for three consecutive quarters or
- a Scholar earns below a 2.5 GPA for three consecutive quarters or
- a Scholar earns less than 45 units for an academic year.
- a Scholar is placed on Level Two Probation for the second time in their undergraduate career.

Appeals

- Scholars may appeal for reinstatement of their Regents Scholarship financial award due to special circumstances while on Level Two Probation. Only in rare cases are appeals granted to Scholars for whom it is mathematically impossible for their GPA to reach the required 3.0 cumulative GPA by the end of the quarter for which the appeal is granted.
- Scholars who have been discontinued from the Regents Scholarship Program due to unapproved leave of absence may appeal their reinstatement to the program.
- Appeals should be submitted to the Scholarship Office by the end of the second week of the quarter for which they are appealing. Appeal decisions will be made by the faculty Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid. Scholars should make arrangements to pay campus charges since appeal decisions will be made after fees are due.
- Appeals need to include a letter that explains the compelling reason(s) that prevented them from meeting the academic requirements. Scholars should submit any relevant supporting documentation such as medical records, letters of recommendation, etc.