

College of Fine Arts Academic Actions

School of Music Guidelines

Warning: For failure to maintain professional standards in a required course; or insufficient evidence of serious application to the professional standards of the School; or an overall quality point average below a satisfactory level. Warning action is intended to notify the student of unsatisfactory performance, and to suggest that the student take steps to determine and correct the cause of the difficulty.

May be imposed for one or multiple D grades in School of Music classes, and/or for the first C grade in a School of Music Major Studio, and/or for an R grade in a non-music class that affects the student's academic progress.

Probation: For failure to pass any professional course as outlined by the faculty of the School; or failure to meet the professional standards of the School although no failing grades are given; or failure to earn the minimum quality point average required to continue in the School. A student on Probation may be required to achieve a specified quality point average. The student must improve scholastic standing to an acceptable level in order to be removed from Probation. A student not doing so may be Suspended or Dropped from the School at the end of the semester.

May be imposed for multiple D grades in School of Music classes, and/or for one or multiple R grades in School of Music classes, and/or for a subsequent C grade in a School of Music Major Studio.

Final Probation: For significantly poor performance, or for continued failure to meet the professional standards of the School. The student must improve scholastic standing to an acceptable level in order to be removed from Final Probation. A student not doing so may be Suspended or Dropped from the School at the end of the semester. This action may be taken without previous academic action.

May be imposed for multiple D grades in School of Music classes, and/or for one or multiple R grades in School of Music classes, and/or for a subsequent C grade in a School of Music Major Studio; following a significantly poor semester, or a previous semester or semesters in which the student has been on academic action.

School Suspension: For poor performance, or for personal problems that create an impediment to professional achievement in the School. A student is suspended from the School, but not the University, when it is deemed in the best interest of the student to allow continuation of study outside of the School during the period of the suspension. The student is not permitted to take courses in the School for a period to be determined by this faculty action, but will be re-admitted at the end of the period of School Suspension specified by the faculty after the condition of the School Suspension is satisfied.

May be imposed following a significantly poor semester, or a previous semester or semesters in which the student has been on academic action, if the faculty feel that a student with the potential for success as a music major needs to address the issues impeding his or her academic achievement while taking classes in another department at Carnegie Mellon.

University Suspension: For exceptionally poor performance, or for personal problems that create an impediment to any academic achievement. The student is required to withdraw from the University for a period to be determined by faculty action. Re-admission is subject to conditions specified in each case by the School faculty concerned. An application for Withdrawal/Leave of Absence form is enclosed with the letter notifying a student of this academic action.

May be imposed following a significantly poor semester, or a previous semester or semesters in which the student has been on academic action, if the faculty feel that a student with the potential for success as a music major needs to address the issues impeding his or her academic achievement while absent from Carnegie Mellon.

Drop from the School: A student is Dropped from the School when it is clear that the student's progress in professional training is insufficient to warrant continuing in the current professional field of study in this College. This action is taken in the case of a student who has been lacking in some essential requirement in the chosen professional field, but whose general scholastic ability, habits and character justify an opportunity in some other field of education. This action terminates the student's enrollment in the current School, but is not intended to prejudice admission to another Department, School, or College of the University, or to another institution.

May be imposed following a significantly poor semester, or a previous semester or semesters in which the student has been on academic action, if the faculty feel that a student does not have the potential for success as a music major at Carnegie Mellon University.

Drop from the College: A student is Dropped from the College when it is clear that the student shows no indication of being able to reach an acceptable level of performance or maintain steady progress toward completing graduation requirements. This action terminates the student's enrollment in the College of Fine Arts, but is not intended to prejudice admission to another College of the University, or to another institution.

The School of Music does not use this academic action.