



Policy Title

Good Standing

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LCME Standards

3.5 – Learning Environment/Professionalism

Scope

University of South Carolina (USC) School of Medicine Greenville students

Policy Statement

This policy provides a standard definition of good standing, outlines sanctions for students not found in good standing, and establishes how to regain good standing.

To be eligible to receive any federal, state or private educational loans funds, students must adhere to the USC Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarship's (OSFAS) policy on [Satisfactory Academic Progress](#).

Definitions

Good Standing:

1. A student has achieved a passing grade on modules, required clerkships and electives, or has no more than one module or clerkship actively requiring remediation
2. A student has passed the appropriate step of the USMLE by established deadlines

3. A student is not on a Leave of Absence for academic difficulty
4. A student is making satisfactory academic progress towards degree completion. Students have six (6) years from the date of matriculation to complete their degree for Doctor of Medicine.
5. A student has not been found responsible for a professionalism violation by the Honor and Professionalism Committee (HPC) where the sanction confirmed by Student Evaluation and Promotion Committee (SEPC) removes good standing.
6. A student is not involved in an active appeal relative to good standing with the SEPC.

Students on a Leave of Absence (LOA) for reasons other than academic difficulty are considered in good standing if the definition above is met. Students on LOA for academic difficulty may participate in research at the discretion of the Director for Student Research in collaboration with Associate Dean for Student Affairs.

Not in Good Standing:

Student has not received a passing grade for two or more modules or required clerkships or has received a failing grade on USMLE Step exams or is on a Leave of Absence (LOA) for academic difficulty.

Regaining Good Standing:

A student who was previously not in good standing regains good standing when all modules, clerkships, or USMLE Step exams have been successfully passed and/or probationary period for professionalism issues has ended. Good standing can be reinstituted prior to the end of the probationary period (based on demonstration of professionalism) at the discretion of SEPC.

Reason for Policy

Good standing is clearly defined and communicated to students, faculty, and staff because it is a standing requirement for application to and/or continuation of many scholarships, internships, externships, research opportunities, school sponsored travel and class leadership positions.

Procedures

A student no longer in good standing receives an email containing a letter from the SEPC chair via their USC email. The student must read the letter in its entirety. Students who are no longer in good standing must meet with the Office for Student Affairs to discuss their extracurricular activities.

In some cases, (i.e., scholarship applications, away rotations, research opportunities, or insurance discounts) students may need a letter to show that they are in good standing. Students who need to request a formal letter of good standing may request verification documentation by filling out [this form](#). Documentation is provided by the Registrar.

Monitoring

Good standing is tracked and documented by the Student Evaluation and Promotion Committee in collaboration with staff.

Sanctions

Students who are not in good standing must not participate in the student elections process. Loss of good standing may end a student's eligibility for certain privileges including but not limited to the following:

- Applying for away rotations
- Serving in a leadership role (class officer, organization officer, Dean's Ambassador, committee member, etc.)
- Serving as a representative or delegate to a national organization
- Participating in SOMG-sponsored or external research projects
- Receiving funding for travel
- Being nominated for or receiving student awards
- Ability to be hired by the School of Medicine as a student worker, peer counselor, or tutor

Additional Contacts

Office for Student Affairs

Office for Academic Affairs

Related Information

[USC School of Medicine Greenville Student Handbook](#)

USCSOMG – ACAF – 4.00 Student Evaluation, Remediation, Requirements for Promotion, and Appeal

USCSOMG – STAF – 5.03 Honor and Professionalism System

History

Date of Change	Change
August 2024	USC SOMG does not have approved dual degree programs. Removed exclusion of dual degree programs from the six-year graduation calculation.
July 2024	Updated process to request a formal letter of good standing. Added monitoring procedures.
March 2023	Clarified definitions for good standing
May 2022	New policy