

If the thesis is not completed during any given semester, the student cannot under normal circumstances be given an Incomplete, but will receive an F and must re-register for the thesis course in the next semester. Petition for an Incomplete on a senior thesis due to serious incapacity must be made to the Academic Dean.

12.6 At the end of semester:

12.6.1 Policies about Honors, Incompletes, and Academic Difficulties

12.6.1.1 Academic Honors

A student earns First Honors and is placed on the Dean's Honor List if he receives a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better, and Second Honors with a 3.25 or better.

12.6.1.2 Graduation with Honors

Students graduate with the following honors depending on their cumulative grade point averages:

Cum laude: equal to or above 3.600

Magna cum laude: equal to or above 3.750

Summa cum laude: equal to or above 3.900

Students whose current enrollment began prior to Fall 2013 are subject to the honors criteria in place at the time of their enrollment. Consult the College Registrar.

12.6.1.3 Incompletes

If for a grave reason a student is unable to complete the requirements for a course by the end of a semester, he may apply to the professor for an Incomplete, which, if granted, would give him eight (8) additional weeks from the last day of the semester for which the Incomplete is given, to complete the requirements. Incompletes are granted at the discretion of the professor only for grave reasons such as illness or other serious incapacity. Failure to complete the course within the eight additional weeks results in an automatic F, except where continuing incapacity (such as prolonged illness) prevents completion of the work—a judgment to be made by the Academic Dean in response to the student's petition for an extension of an Incomplete. The Academic Dean shall respond in writing either rejecting the student's petition or stating the conditions and terms of its acceptance.

Under normal circumstances a student cannot be given an Incomplete for the senior thesis (512) but will receive an F and must re-register for the thesis course in the next semester. Petition for an Incomplete on a senior thesis due to serious incapacity must be made to the Academic Dean.

12.6.1.4 Academic Difficulties

If a student has an academic problem or a difficulty with some aspect of a course, he is to see the instructor first for assistance. Faculty office hours are kept for the prime purpose of helping and advising students in their classes. If the problem persists after the student has discussed it with the instructor, the student may request the assistance of the appropriate department chairman or the Academic Dean. The student should not bypass the instructor, nor let difficulties drift until irreparable. If the problem is of such a sensitive nature that the student would not feel comfortable speaking with the instructor initially, he may go directly to the department chairman or the Academic Dean.

12.6.1.5 Academic Warning and Probation

A student with a semester grade point average (GPA) below 2.000 but above 1.699 is on Academic Warning for the following semester. Two consecutive warnings result in Academic Probation.

A student with a semester grade point average below 1.700 is on Academic Probation for the following semester. The student may be placed under the supervision of the Academic Dean, and required to abide by special restrictions which normally include a limitation on the student's maximum semester course load and academic counseling. These same restrictions apply to students who are on Academic Probation because of two consecutive semesters of Warning-category averages.

12.6.1.6 Academic Dismissal

A student who in his first semester at Christendom College fails to achieve a minimum 1.000 GPA will be dismissed from the College without probation.

A student with any consecutive combinations of warnings and probations totaling two probations (e.g., WWWW, WWP, PWW, PP, PWP, WPW) will ordinarily be dismissed. After an absence, normally of one year, he may reapply, but will be readmitted only if he shows evidence that he is more capable of completing the College program. At the discretion of the Academic Dean, a student with the combinations WPW or PWW may be allowed to continue if a pattern of considerable improvement has been demonstrated. Students readmitted after academic dismissal are admitted on academic probation and must meet regularly with the College's Academic Success Coach throughout the year.