

The following proposal to use “Academic Probation” rather than “Temporary Enrollment” was presented to the Faculty Senate Academic Standards and Admissions Committee on February 25, 2004. The committee approved the proposal.

Proposal:

Change the term “Temporary Enrollment” (TE) to “Academic Probation” in future University Catalogs and other University publications.

“Temporary Enrollment”

Temporary Enrollment is the status that students are placed in if they have failed to make adequate academic progress at Iowa State University. If their academic performance does not improve they will be dismissed from the University. A full explanation of this policy can be found in the 03-05 University Catalog on pages 43 and 44.

Rational for the change:

Although the term “Temporary Enrollment” has been used at Iowa State University for some time and its meaning is clear to advisors and faculty, it is not particularly clear to student and their parents. The letters sent to students informing them that they have been placed on Temporary Enrollment (TE) encourages them to contact their advisor with questions about their TE status. Very often one of their questions is: “What is TE?” because they do not understand the term. When told that it means academic probation they understand what it means. The same thing holds true when parents call asking the meaning of the term Temporary Enrollment. When told that their son or daughter has been placed on academic probation or probationary status they typically require no additional explanation.

Therefore in order to provide maximum clarity to students at ISU about their academic status it is recommended that the term “Temporary Enrollment” (TE) be changed to “Academic Probation.”

Note: This recommendation in change of nomenclature does not call for a change in computer code. “TE” can continue to be used.