

Purdue University Policy Summary



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PURDUE UNIVERSITY POLICY SUMMARY

Purdue University is a state university in West Lafayette, Indiana. Founded in 1889 by John Purdue, Purdue University is one of the nation's top Engineering schools. Alumni from Purdue have gone on to make major strides across many fields, and include notable names such as Amelia Earhart, Neil Armstrong, and Gus Grissom.

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Academic Progress - Engineering

Academic Good Standing

- 88-09 The GPA required to be in Academic good standing varies based on the student's number of years at Purdue.
- A student is placed on Academic Probation if either their CGPA (referred to by the University as the Graduation Index) or their semester GPA is less than the good standing requirements stated in the charts below.

88-09

Student Year Classification	Good Standing (Semester GPA)	Graduation Index (CGPA)
0-1	3.5	3.5
2	3.5	3.5
3	3.6	3.75
4	3.6	3.9
5	3.7	3.95
6	3.7	4.0
7	3.7	4.0
8	3.7	4.0

93-94

Student Year Classification	Good Standing (Semester GPA)	Graduation Index (CGPA)
0-1	1.5	1.5
2	1.5	1.6
3	1.6	1.7
4	1.6	1.8
5	1.7	1.9

6	1.7	2.0
7	1.7	2.0
8	1.7	2.0

In 1993 Purdue switched from a 6.0 Grading Scale to a 4.0. GPA's and CGPA's prior to 1993 reflect the higher grading scale.

- Students are removed from probation at the end of the first semester both their GPA and their CGPA meet the above requirements.
- Students on Probation will be dropped if at the end of their semester their CGPA is less than the minimum for their year shown in the following chart(s):

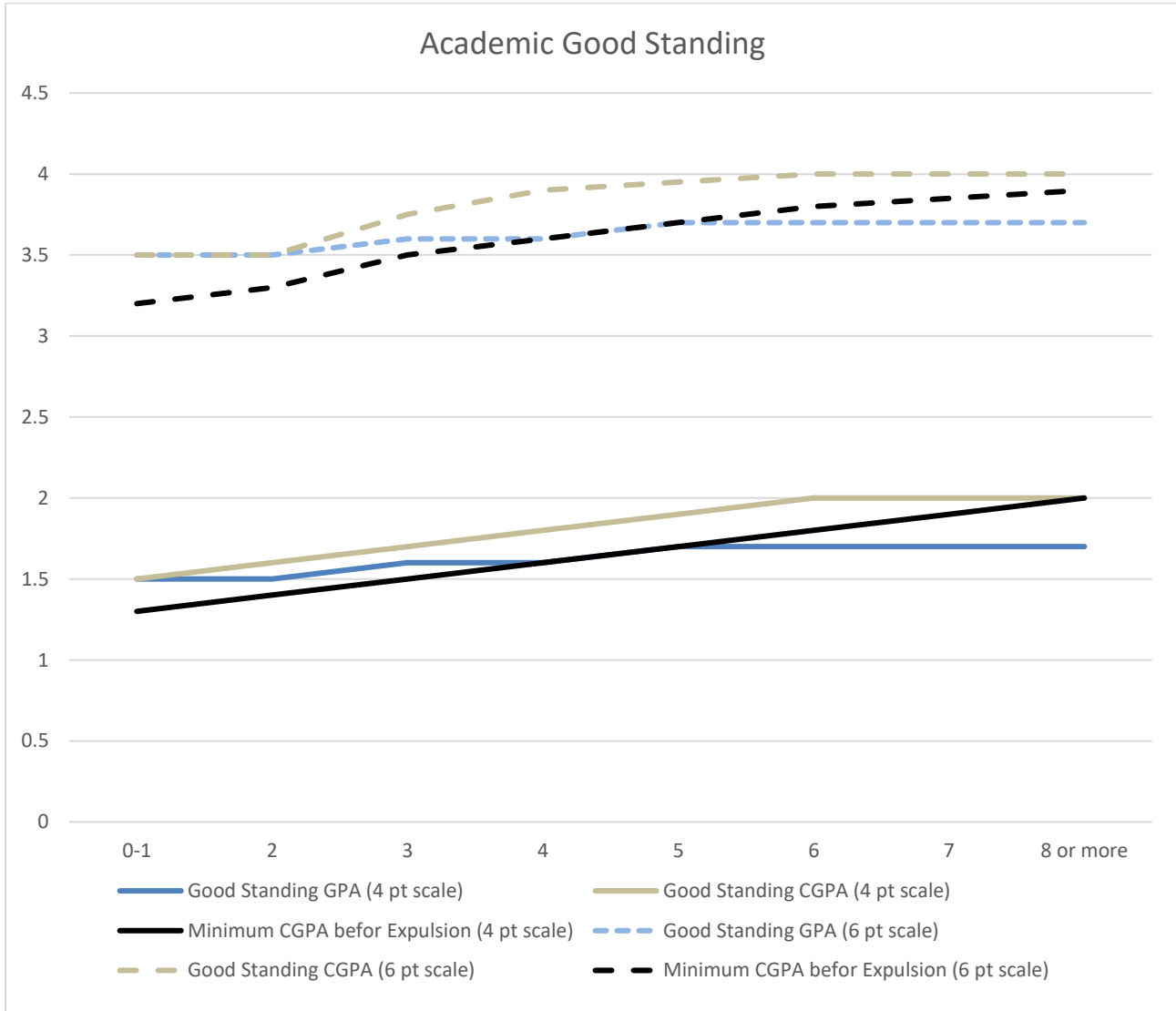
1988-1993

Student Year Classification	Minimum CGPA before expulsion
0-1	1.3
2	1.4
3	1.5
4	1.6
5	1.7
6	1.8
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7	1.9
8	2.0

1993-2016

Student Year Classification	Minimum CGPA before expulsion
0-1	1.3
2	1.4
3	1.5

4	1.6
5	1.7
6	1.8
7	1.9
8	2.0



- This chart demonstrates how the GPA for academic good standing varies across the years. The GPA scale has been changed once, in 1993.

- The dashed lines represent the good standing GPA, CGPA, and minimum GPA for expulsion for 1988-1993 (on the 6 point scale).
- The solid lines represent the good standing GPA, CGPA, and minimum GPA for expulsion for 1993-2016
- Sometime between 2013 and the present (exact date unknown due to lack of published information) the minimum GPA for academic good standing was changed to a straight 2.0 for GPA and CGPA for all years.
- Students who spend a semester on probation below the current minimum of 2.0 are still dropped from the University as per normal suspension procedures.

Classification Hours

- Purdue classifies students solely based on the number of years they have been enrolled at the university.
- The more years a student spends at Purdue, the higher their minimum CGPA before expulsion.
- By a student's eighth year at Purdue, the CGPA needed to stay in academic good standing is the same as the CGPA needed to remain in school – students can no longer spend time on probation but enrolled at the institution.

Admissions, Engineering, 1st Year

Automatic Admission

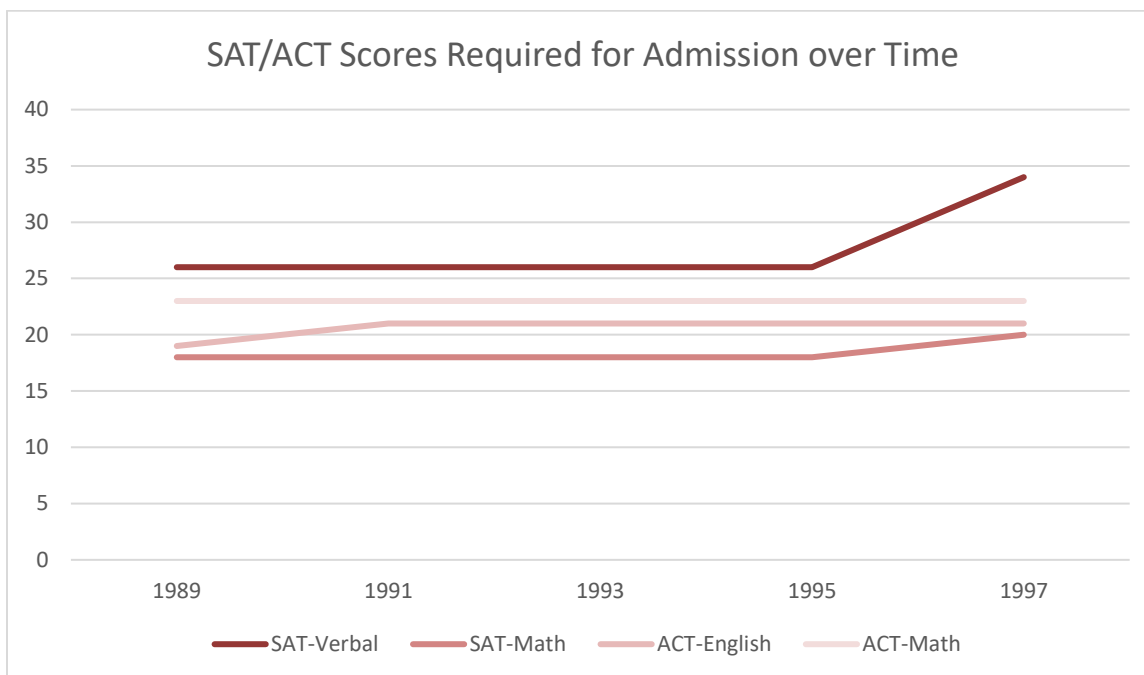
- There is no automatic admission to Purdue. All students must be accepted the traditional way.

GPA-SAT or ACT Sliding Scales

Admission into the Purdue Engineering Program is determined by GPA and ACT scores as well as required high school classes. Minimum Scores are as follows on the chart below.

Year	SAT - Verbal	SAT - Math	ACT - English	ACT-Math
88-91	400	500	19	23
91-93	400	500	21	23
93-95	400	500	21	23
97-99	480	520	21	23

*Purdue does not list required scores in its catalogs after 1999



*SAT scores shown in ACT units as converted by the official College Board conversions

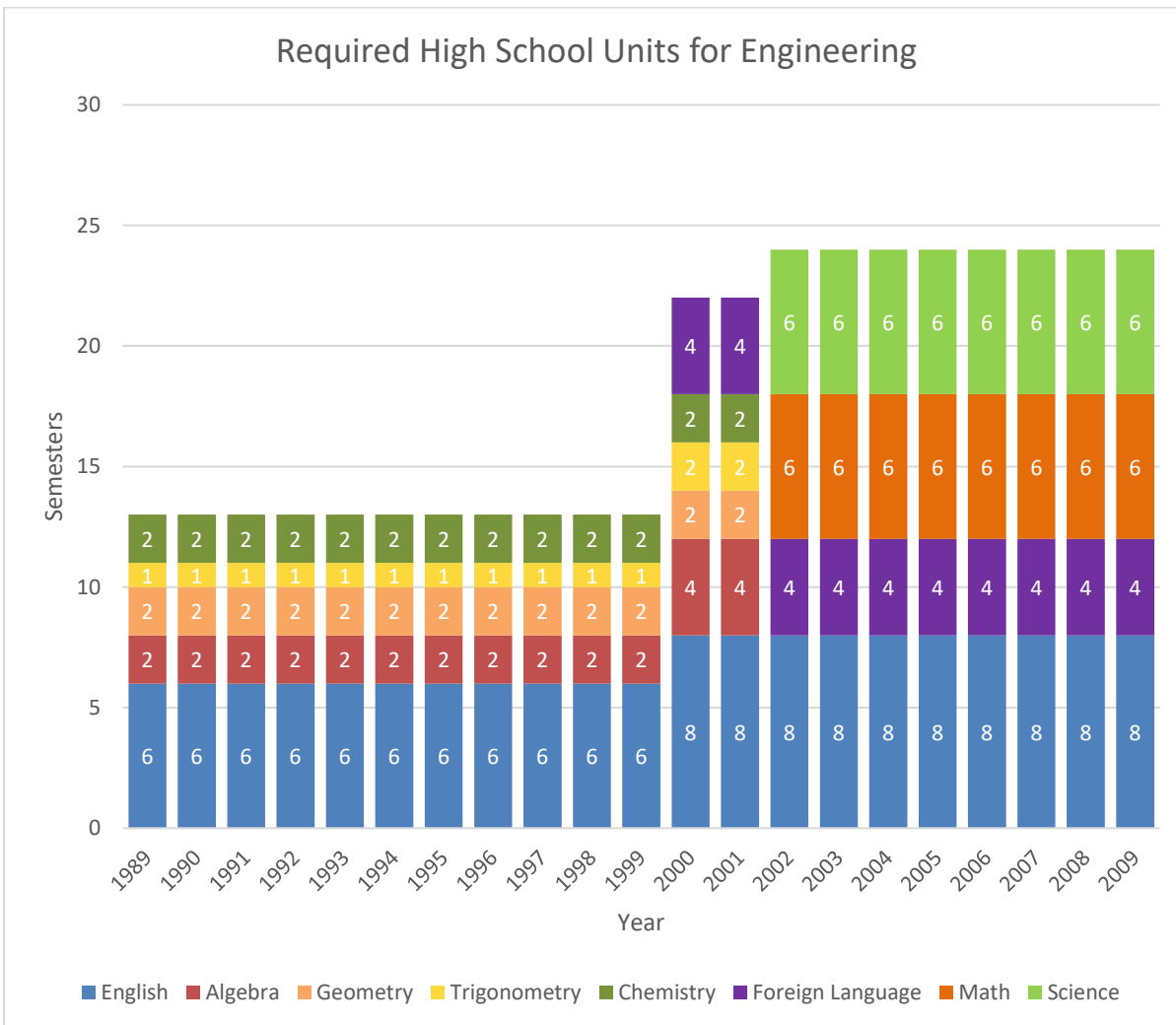
High School Units

In the past, Purdue had a policy requiring incoming freshmen to have completed certain classes to be eligible for admission.

Students admitted for Engineering are required to have the following high school units by year:

Year	89-97	97-99	99-01	04-06	07-09
Semesters of Subject	6-English 2-Algebra 2-Plane Geometry 1-Advanced Algebra 1-Trigonometry 2-Chemistry	6-English 2-Algebra 2-Plane Geometry 1-Advanced Algebra 1-Trigonometry 2-Chemistry	8-English 4-Algebra 2-Geometry 2-Trigonometry/ Calculus 2-Physics 2-Biology 2-Chemistry 2-Computer Skills	8-English 6-Math (Algebra, Trigonometry, etc.) 6-Lab Science (Biology, Chemistry, etc.) 4-Foreign Language	8-English 6-Math (Algebra, Trigonometry, etc.) 6-Lab Science (Biology, Chemistry, etc.) 4-Foreign Language

	2-Biology or Physics	2-Biology or Physics	4-Foreign Language 4-Additional science, math, or language	2-Computer Skills 4-Additional math, language, science	2-Computer Skills 4-Additional math, language, science
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*Science includes Biology, Chemistry, or other lab sciences

*Math includes Trigonometry, Geometry, and Algebra

- After 2009, Purdue no longer states required high school classes or SAT/ACT Scores
- The high school requirements for admission to the school of engineering have gotten less defined over the years.

- From 1989 to 1999 Students were required to take six credits of English, two credits of Algebra, 2 credits of Geometry, 1 credit of Trigonometry, and two credits of Chemistry.
- From 2000 to 2002 students were required to have an additional two credits of English and algebra, one credit of Trigonometry, and four additional credits of Foreign Language in addition to the pre-existing standards.
- From 2002 to 2009 Students were required to have 8 credits of English, 4 credits of a Foreign Language, and 6 credits of “Math” and “Science” where Math includes Trigonometry, Geometry, and Algebra and Science included Biology and Chemistry but the exact credit requirements of those classes are not specified.

Admissions, Engineering, Transfer

College level hours to be considered a transfer—Between 15 and 30 college semester hours (22-45 quarter hours)—less than 15 semester hours (22 quarter hours)—more than 30 semester (45 quarter) college level hours

Requirements to transfer

- In 1994, students must be in Academic Good Standing at any previous institutions to transfer to Purdue and also have at least a 2.0 GPA or the minimum for the program they wish to transfer to (Some programs require a higher GPA).
- Students transfer directly to an engineering program provided they have already received credit in the required classes. Students may not, however, transfer into Mechanical Engineering.
- In 1999, students in academic good standing at any previous school and with a GPA of 2.0 or higher may transfer to Purdue. Students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher and at least 14 hours (including 8 FYE credits) may transfer into the FYE program. Mechanical engineering is not closed to transfer students.
- In 2007, students must be in Academic Good Standing at any previous institutions to transfer to Purdue. Students must also have met all high school requirements. Depending on the program, students are not required to have a GPA above 2.0.
- From 2016 to present, transfer requirements are dealt with at the school level and are not mentioned specifically in the General Catalogs or the Engineering Catalogs.

Admissions, International

Requirements

- 1989-2001: Students are admitted to the university (Assuming they meet the other stated admissions criteria) with a TOEFL score of at least 550.
- 2001: Engineering students were required to have a TOEFL score of at least 567 while the standard 550 score was retained for all other majors.
- The General Catalogs suggest the required score was raised to 575 for engineers from 1995-2001 but the Engineering Catalogs make no mention of this change.

Engineering Degree Progression

Common Introduction to Engineering

- Purdue has and has always had a First Year Engineering (FYE) that all first-year engineering students are admitted to, which serves to administer the common core courses for all Engineering majors.

Engineering Co-Op

- Purdue has always had a voluntary Co-Op plan for students in engineering, involving the student enrolling in a 5-year plan with alternating semesters in industry and at Purdue.

Engineering Matriculation Model

Direct to College or School (FYE)

- First year students at Purdue are first enrolled in the First-Year Engineering Program before transitioning to their specified college.
- Purdue has always had a Department of Freshmen Engineering which administers the FYE program.
- The FYE program is intended to be completed in two semesters (One Year) but students may remain in the program for up to four semesters. (1989-2017)

Direct to University

Placement of transfers

- From 1989-95, Transfer students were not admitted into the Department of Freshman Engineering (FYE) program. Rather, they were admitted directly into the engineering college into which they were accepted.
 - Transfer students were not admitted into the schools of Aeronautics and Electrical Engineering.
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- From 2007 to Present, students must be in Academic Good Standing at any previous institutions to transfer to Purdue. Students must also have met all high school requirements. Depending on the program, students are not required to have a GPA above 2.0.

Financial Aid

Debt free for low income

Does/does not meet full demonstrated need

Standards for retaining Financial Aid

- 1994-1995 Students must be making satisfactory academic progress-defined by CGPA and by semesters enrolled. After two years in the program, the student must have at least a 2.0 CGPA. Students may

- spend no more than 12 semesters for a 5 year degree, 10 semesters for a 4 year degree, and 6 semesters for a 2 year degree.
- 1999-2000 Students must be making satisfactory academic progress-defined by CGPA and by semesters enrolled. After two years in the program, the student must have at least a 2.0 CGPA. Students may spend no more than 15 semesters for a 5 year degree, 12 semesters for a 4 year degree, and 6 semesters for a 2 year degree.
- 2007-2009 Students must be making Reasonable Academic Progress (RAP). RAP requires students to maintain at least the University minimum GPA for good standing, and complete at least 67 percent of their cumulative coursework. Students must not exceed the maximum amount of credits to complete their degree.
- Financial aid is not mentioned in the General Catalogs before 1994.

State merit scholarship program

Grading Policies

Drop and Withdrawal

- Students must withdraw before the first week of classes to get 100 percent refund on courses.
- Withdrawing during the first or second week of classes receive 80 percent refund on courses.
- Withdrawing during the third or fourth week will receive 60 percent of the course fee refunded.
- Withdrawing during the fifth or sixth week will result in a 40 percent refund.

Grade Weights and Grading Scale

- From 1988-1993, Purdue used a six-point scale to evaluate letter grades.
- In 1993, Purdue switched to the four-point scale.

Grade	Weight (6 Point Scale)	Weight (4 Point Scale)
A	6	4
B	5	3
C	4	2
D	3	1

E,F,I	2	0
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Incompletes

Incompletes are given to students who fail to complete the course due to an “unavoidable absence or other cause beyond the student’s control” but were passing at the time of receiving the incomplete.

- Students have until the 12th week of the next semester of enrollment to finish the work required to receive a permanent grade or the grade of I (Incomplete) will become an F.

Independent study (limitations, or regulations)

Miscellaneous other grades

Pass fail (nomenclature, change from graded to P/F or vice versa, effective grade to pass, rules)

- Purdue has always had a pass/fail option.
- 89-99 Students may not take more than 20 percent of their total classes as pass/fail
- Students may not take required Engineering FYE classes as pass/fail, except ENG 1000
- Students on probation may not take classes as pass/fail
- Students who receive a grade of pass under the pass/fail system cannot repeat the class for a letter grade.
- 99-18 Students may not take more than 20 percent of their total classes as pass/fail

Policies for Students with Disabilities

Accessing accommodations (faculty responsibilities, registration, student responsibilities, verification of eligibility)

- Information about services for students with disabilities does not exist in the engineering catalogs prior to 1993, but it is extremely likely that up until that point the policies are laid out in another university regulations publication that was released concurrently.
- (1993-2011) The Catalogs advise the reader to contact the dean of students for more information relating to policies for students with disabilities.
- Information on policies for students with disabilities does not appear in the Engineering Catalogs after 2011.

Readmission for Students in Good Academic Standing

- Students dropped from Purdue for academic reasons must have been out of the university for at least one semester (Not including the summer) to apply for readmission
- Students are not guaranteed readmission
- Students readmitted will be readmitted on probation
- Students can strengthen their application for readmission by submitting grades or other evidence of academic improvement from another school or employer.