

Academic probation

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Academic success depends greatly on the determination and the focus of the student. I believe there are a few reasons why I am on academic probation including but not limited to my lack of class attendance, my romantic distractions, and my overloaded work schedule. I am a hopeless procrastinator. I don't start homework until its due, if at all. That used to be okay when I was in high school. I was able to work, go to school, participate in a plethora of extra-curricular activities, and date, all while maintaining an above 3.0 GPA. It's just a really bad habit that I've never actually taken the time to fix. When I was in high school I loved succeeding, but I never had to really work for it. It just came to me naturally. I've gotten to college and while none of the material is really complicated to me I just don't have the interest for it. I have terrible time management skills. I don't keep up with important dates and the dates I do remember I put off until the last minute. When I graduated high school I knew I was going to attend college. It wasn't a question. It was instilled in me as a child that I would be the only one of my siblings to go to school. My brothers would be forced into the military. It was never a desire of mine to attend college. It was more like the expected next step. Needless to say my passion for school was null and void. I attribute my academic standing to this fact. Maybe if I'd thought about what I wanted to do with my life versus just going with what was expected I would've done a little better. College gives a freedom like nothing I had ever experienced before. I remember the first time I missed class. I was so nervous until I realized that I was in charge of myself. After that realization, I missed class for every reason imaginable. It rained this morning, its cold outside, its hot outside, I didn't do the reading and I don't want my professor to ask me any

questions. I didn't think about how I was actually hurting myself. I just thought it was more freedom. Now that I've had to pay for this semester of school with my own money I realize that school is where I need to be. I've realized how much money I've been wasting and the fact that I have to repeat courses reminds me that I'm still going to have to pay that