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Addis Ababa University Undergraduate Programs Office



Freshman Students

Dear First year students first of all we would like to congratulate you for joining the first and most prestigious University of our country. This brochure is intended to help you become familiar with some of the most important aspects in our system.

The undergraduate program of Addis Ababa University is organized in 9 Colleges and 2 Institutes and 71 programs. For the first semester of the first year you will be enrolled either in the Social or Natural Science streams. After completing the first semester you will be placed in either Natural and Computational Science, Engineering, Health, Veterinary, Pharmacy, Law or Social Science streams. As a new entry student the unknowns can cause much anxiety. Questions such as “What should my major be? Who will be my new friends? How will I find my classrooms? Whom do I ask if I have a question?” may come to your mind. Students’ orientation programs are designed to guide newly incoming students in helping them settle in their university life. Prior to the beginning of classes, you will be given an overview of the complete realm of university life, from academics to social activities through the orientation.

In this brochure we will try to introduce what is expected from students, important academic rules, and when you need to get support from advisors.

Students Academic Standing

1. Students with good academic standing:

Student with good academic standing generally scores a semester and cumulative GPA of “2.00” or above. This is the minimum requirement to be in a good academic standing. If students fail to achieve this GPA they will be either in warning, probation or in academic dismissal.

2. Students on Academic Probation/warning

Students under such status are at the brink of danger. Unless significant improvement is shown, students will be dismissed for good or at least be on “dismiss-repeat” status during the next semester. If you are in this status, it is advisable to register for the minimum possible semester load because it will give time for study and score higher in few credit courses. Moreover, if conditions allow (e.g. if courses are available in the semester), you are advised to repeat courses in which you scored “D” or “F”. If you are facing such an academic difficulty, you are strongly advised to discuss with your academic advisor.

A student shall be warned or placed in probation by the academic unit under the following conditions:

- A student who fails to achieve a semester GPA of 1.75 or a CGPA of 2.00.
- A student who scores up to three “F’s” at the end of each semester having taken less than or equal to 12 total credit points (CP);
- Any newly admitted student who, at the end of the first semester, earns a semester GPA of 1.50 to 1.74;
- Any newly admitted student, who at the end of the first year, earns a CGPA of 1.75 to 1.99.

3. Students in “Dismiss-Repeat” Status (repeating courses)

When a student is given a “dismiss-repeat” status, he/she is expected to formally withdraw and ask for readmission after at least one semester. If you happened to be in this status you should formally withdraw and be readmitted in a semester when most of the courses to be repeated are offered. As much as possible register only for courses that you need to repeat so that you will come out from the

“Dismiss-repeat” academic status. Note that a student has only one chance of dismiss-repeat status in his/her whole stay in the university. Therefore, you are expected to be in good academic status (i.e. CGPA>2.00) after the end of the semester in which you are readmitted.

4. Students in “Dismissal” Status

Your aspiration is to pursue your dream of having a degree from our university. But due to various reasons you may fail to continue in our university because of a complete dismissal. .

Any consecutive warning leads to academic dismissal.

- Any student who scored three “F’s” on courses with more than 12 total CP or a student who scored more than three “F’s” per semester, or
- Any student whose semester GPA falls below 1.75 or who fails to maintain a CGPA of 2.00.
- A student placed on probation shall be dismissed after one semester on probation if he fails to emerge from the state of probation by raising his CGPA up to 2.00 or by obtaining a semester GPA which, if maintained at that level, would permit him to reach the CGPA of 2.00 by graduation.
- A newly admitted student or a student joining the University at advanced level who earns a GPA of less than 1.50 at the end of his first semester shall be dismissed.
- A newly admitted student or a student joining the University at advanced level who, at the end of the first year, fails to achieve a CGPA of at least 1.75 shall be dismissed.

Note that Academic dismissal is not the end of everything. You may have a chance to continue in the evening program or join other private universities, or venture in to other options and alternatives life can offer

Dropout

Dropout is discontinuation of class without formal withdrawal. Students may discontinue their study for various reasons after they are registered for the semester. Such students are expected to present convincing reasons to the Academic Commission (AC) to rejoin the university. The academic commission decision could be:

- Rejection, where reasons for discontinuation are not accepted by the AC, in which case the student will be dismissed from the university.

- Accepting with the condition that the student takes make-up examination for the courses s/he registered and attended classes before dropping out. This is possible if the student dropped out after completing most, e.g. 85% of the semester. Note that the compulsory class attendance to sit for final exam and earn a grade is 85%.
- Accepting by cancelling the student's prior registration, in which case the student will register afresh to attend classes. This scenario is true if the student discontinued class early in the semester. Students in such circumstance may encounter a problem, if there has been a curriculum change, In this case, establishing course equivalency will be helpful to consider courses taken and grades earned before dropping out.

Discontinuations

Student may discontinue their studies due to academic or non-academic reasons. Irrespective of the reason, such students should formally withdraw from the university within 8 weeks from the beginning of the semester. Moreover, the withdrawal form should be completed and submitted to the registrar within 30 days from discontinuation of class. Formal withdrawal within the permitted time does not guarantee automatic readmission.

In such cases, when the student applies for readmission, depending on the acceptability of the case, previous registration may become void by the decision of the respective AC and will be allowed to register afresh. Or the student could be readmitted and allowed to take make-up exams. However, if the case is not accepted by the AC, the student will be dismissed for good from the university system. Readmission is possible only within six years after the date of withdrawal.

First year first semester students who withdraw or dropout from their study without registering a single grade in a course have no direct right to apply for readmission. However, they can apply for readmission and their application will be evaluated and decision will be made by the Academic Standards and Program review Committee (ASPRC) of the Senate. Acceptance depends on the availability of space in the department and whether the reason for dropping out is justifiable.. Such students, if accepted, will be considered as freshman students and will pursue their study with the new batch of students.

List of Undergraduate programs

1. Addis Ababa Institute of Technology (AAiT)

BSc in Biomedical Engineering... 5yrs
BSc in Chemical Engineering... 5yrs
BSc in Leather Technology 5yrs
BSc in Civil Engineering... 5yrs
BSc in Electrical and Computer Engineering... 5yrs
BSc in Information Technology... 5yrs
BSc in Mechanical Engineering... 5yrs
BSc in Software Engineering... 5yrs

2. Ethiopian Institute of Architecture, Building Construction and City Development (EiABC)

BSc in Architecture... 5yrs
BSc in Construction Technology and Management... 5yrs
BSc in Urban and Regional Planning... 5yrs

3. College of Business and Economics (CoBE)

BA in Accounting and Finance ... 4yrs
BA in Administrative Services Management... 4yrs
BA in Business Administration and Information System... 4yrs
BA in Logistics and Supply Chain Management... 4yrs
BA in Marketing Management... 4yrs
BA Degree in Economics... 4yrs
BA Degree in Management... 4yrs
BA in Public Administration and Development... 4yrs

4. College of Education and Behavioral Studies (CEBS)

BA in Educational Planning & Management... 4yrs
BA in Psychology... 4yrs
BA in Special Needs and Inclusive Education... 4yrs
BA in Speech Language Therapy 4yrs

5. College of Health Sciences (CHS)

BSc in Anesthesia... 4yrs
Doctor of Medicine (MD) ... 6yrs
BSc in Dental Medicine (DDM) ... 6yrs
BSc in Medical Laboratory Technology... 4yrs
BSc in Midwifery... 4yrs
BSc in Nursing... 4yrs
Bachelor of Pharmacy... 5yrs
BSc in Medical Radiological Technology... 4yrs

6. College of Humanities, Language Studies, Journalism and Communication (CHLSJC)

BA in Ethiopian Language and Literature- Amharic... 4yrs
BA in Arabic Language and Communication... 4yrs
BA in Chinese Language... 4yrs
BA in English Language and Literature ... 4yrs
BA in French Language and professional skills... 4yrs
BA in Modern European Languages... 4yrs
BA in Journalism and Communication (Broadcast Journalism) ... 4yrs

BA in Journalism and Communication (Print and Web Journalism) ... 4yrs
BA in Public Relations and Advertisement ... 4yrs
BA in General Linguistics... 4yrs
BA in Ethiopian Sign Language and Deaf Culture... 4yrs
BA in Afan Oromo Literature and Communication... 4yrs
BA in Tigrigna Language, Literature and Folklore... 4yrs

7. College of Law and Governance (CLGS)

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B)... 5yrs

8. College of Natural Sciences (CNS)

BSc in Chemistry... 4yrs
BSc in Computer Science... 4yrs
BSc in Geology... 4yrs
BSc in Information System... 4yrs
BSc in Mathematics... 4yrs
BSc in Physics... 4yrs
BSc in Sport Science... 4yrs
BSc in Statistics... 4yrs
BSc in Biology... 4yrs
BSc in Library Science ---- 4yrs

9. College of Performing and Visual Arts (CPVA)

BFA degree in Industrial Design... 4yrs
BFA degree in Painting... 4yrs
BFA degree in Print making... 4yrs
BFA degree in Sculpture... 4yrs
BA in Theater arts... 4yrs
BA in Music ... 4yrs

10. College of Social Sciences (CSS)

BA in Archeology & Heritage Management.. 4yrs
BA in Geography & Environmental Studies.. 4yrs
BA in History... 4yrs
BA in Philosophy... 4yrs
BA in Political Science and International Relations (PSIR)... 4yrs
Bachelor in Social Work... 4yrs
BA in Sociology... 4yrs
BA in Social Anthropology... 4yrs

11. College of Veterinary Medicine and Agriculture (CVMA)

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) ... 6yrs
BSc in Veterinary Laboratory Technology 4yrs



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