

YOU'VE BEEN ACADEMICALLY DISMISSED...

# NOW WHAT?

Receiving news of Academic Dismissal can be difficult, especially if you are unsure of your next steps. The Students First Office created this resource as your guide for navigating this process.

## PART 1: YOUR EXIT CHECKLIST

### To Be Aware Of:





Your Fall 2024 classes will be canceled on **August 2, 2024**. Course registration will be unavailable for all future terms unless you follow the procedures to return to UNCG (see Part 3).

Your UNCG housing assignment and/or meal plan for the 2024-2025 academic year will be automatically canceled on **August 2, 2024**. Generally, students are given 48 hours to move out once the contract is canceled, but please contact [Housing & Residence Life](#) for questions about contract cancellation.

Any Fall 2024 tuition and fees you have paid will be refunded to you following the cancellation of your class schedule, housing assignment, and meal plan. If you were eligible to receive financial aid (awarded via the FAFSA) for these terms, it will not be disbursed. If you have questions about your student account, Financial Aid award, or Financial Aid eligibility, contact the [Cashier's Office](#) and/or the [Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships](#) directly.

**PAUSE!** If you attempt an [Academic Dismissal Appeal](#), cancellation of your Fall 2024 course schedule, housing/meal plan, and tuition bill will be postponed until a final appeal decision is rendered on **August 8, 2024**. If your appeal is approved, you may remain enrolled for Fall 2024.

### To Take Care Of:

-  **Set up a personal email account:** Forward any UNCG emails you wish to save to your personal email. Your iSpartan email account will become inactive on **September 4, 2024**. Note: Your [UNCGenie](#) account will remain available without any time limit.
-  **Consider continuity of healthcare and counseling services:** If you were using [Student Health Services](#) or [Counseling & Psychological Services](#), make plans for where you can seek these services outside of UNCG.
-  **Contact UNCG Parking:** Reach out to [UNCG Parking Operations](#) to cancel and/or return your parking permit for the upcoming term.
-  **Request a refund of your Spartan Card balance:** Check the [Spartan Card Office](#) website for more information on refunds.

## PART 2: CONSIDER YOUR NEXT STEPS

Many students feel stressed about their Academic Dismissal because they're uncertain of their next steps towards completing their degree. It's important to note that in order to return to UNCG after your dismissal term, you must first have an appeal approved to allow you to return. Review the suggestions below for guidance on your best next steps.

**Schedule an appointment with an advisor in the Students First Office:** SFO advisors are trained to thoroughly review your academic records and help you determine your best path forward. They can help you decide if returning to UNCG to complete your degree in the future is realistic and in your best interest, help you determine if taking courses at a community college is beneficial to your academic plan, and provide alternative routes to degree completion for you to consider.

**Enroll at your local community college:** You should plan to complete any degree requirements offered at a community college before appealing to return from academic dismissal. Contact your local community college for enrollment information and act quickly, as course enrollment for the next term has already begun.

**Consider your timeline:** It is common for students to need to sit out from UNCG for longer than one year. More substantial time away from UNCG can provide students with various opportunities for academic, personal, and professional growth. Meeting with an SFO advisor as soon as possible can help give you a better sense of what may be realistic for you.

**Past academic appeal committee recommendations:** If you have previously submitted any Academic Suspension or Academic Dismissal appeals, be sure you have addressed/completed all the recommendations from the committee prior to attempting to return to UNCG.

**Take care of yourself:** If your academic difficulty was a result of medical or mental health challenges, this is a great time for you to get connected with medical and/or mental health professionals and focus on your personal wellness. Maintaining this wellness is an important part of your success outside of UNCG and may be a factor in your return to UNCG in the future.

**Seek employment to earn income and valuable experience:** Seeking employment in a career field related to your interests is a great way to collect valuable experience, professional references, and prepare for future academic expenses. Remember, in addition to managing other expenses, you will also need to plan for the repayment of student loans to begin within 6 months, unless you set up a **deferral option**.

**KEEP IN MIND:** Transfer credit earned at other institutions **DOES NOT** influence UNCG academic standing or GPA, but is heavily considered by the academic appeals committee. Students returning from dismissal should earn a minimum **2.5 GPA** at the community college prior to submitting an appeal to return to UNCG.

## PART 3: APPEALING TO RETURN TO UNCG

Returning from Academic Dismissal is a very different process than what you may have experienced when returning from Academic Suspension. Once you have completed your one-year dismissal term, you must have a Return from Academic Dismissal Appeal approved in order to return to UNCG. The appeal process requires multiple steps and advance planning.

**ELIGIBILITY TO RETURN:** You will be eligible to appeal to return in **Fall 2025**. If you intend to return in this term, we recommend starting the process in **March 2025**.

### Return from Academic Dismissal Appeal Process:

**Step 1:**

Submit a Return from Academic Dismissal Appeal Pre-Check packet by the posted **deadline** and schedule your required Pre-Check meeting.

**Step 2:**

Attend your Pre-Check meeting to gather feedback on your appeal materials and for a recommendation on whether or not you should move forward with your return from dismissal appeal.

**Step 3:**

If you receive the recommendation to move forward with a final appeal, make the necessary revisions to your appeal materials based on feedback provided in your Pre-Check meeting, and submit your finalized Return from Academic Dismissal Appeal by the posted **deadline**.

**Step 4:**

If your Return from Dismissal Appeal is approved, submit a **Former Student Application** and a \$65 application fee to Undergraduate Admissions by July 1, 2025. *Note: Approved appeals for students who wish to receive financial aid upon their return to UNCG will be sent directly to the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships for consideration.*

For additional deadlines and detailed information about Return from Dismissal Appeals, please visit the **Students First Office website** or give us a call at 336-334-5730.