ACTION PLAN for ACADEMIC SUCCESS
For Students who are Academically Dismissed

To reposition yourself for academic success, we recommend you:

**Reflect.**
- ✓ What were the key reasons you have not been successful at UT?
- ✓ If you feel your performance was due to circumstances (i.e. mental or physical health issues, life pressures, etc.), how will you better manage those circumstances in future terms, should similar issues arise?
- ✓ If your performance was due to your time management, class attendance, study skills, etc., what steps will you take right now to change or improve those habits?
- ✓ Use your period of dismissal to reflect on and address the factors that led to your poor performance.
- ✓ Sit down one on one with someone at [Student Success Center](#) to discuss your academic experience.

**Take Action.**
- ✓ Engage a counselor/psychologist to address personal issues that have been barriers to your success.
- ✓ Explore major and career options through online searches and in-person visits to key offices such as [Career Services](#) and [UT Academic Advising](#). Determine whether you can successfully earn your desired major and degree at UT or if a change of major is necessary, or if your interests would be best served at another college or university.
- ✓ Consult the choosing a major section of UT Career Services website.
  - ✓ Perform an in-depth review of majors, including course requirements, entry standards, progression requirements, and degree (graduation) standards.
  - ✓ Review UT’s academic program guides for a look at all the UT degree options.
- ✓ If applicable, become familiar with UT’s [Office of Disability Services](#) and resources and services for students with disabilities.
  - ✓ Already registered with UT ODS? If so, meet with your coordinator before the beginning of your returning semester to discuss your coursework and accommodations.
  - ✓ Not registered? Familiarize yourself with the registration process and apply early.
- ✓ Academic dismissal forces a break from school at UT, allowing students time to regroup and return stronger in the future. Some students use the dismissal time to earn credits elsewhere. See your UT academic advisor about transfer equivalency and all issues of academic planning.

**Return to UT.**
If you decide to return to UT, consider the following:
- ✓ Be aware of UT readmission deadlines which are early and firm! If you plan to reapply to UT following your requisite absence, you must apply by April 1 for summer readmission; June 1 for fall readmission; November 1 for spring readmission. These deadlines allow you time for advising and registration.
- ✓ If you have been dismissed twice, you must achieve a 2.5 or better GPA on at least 12 credit hours at another institution before seeking readmission to UT, and you must meet with the appeals committee. Two semesters prior to your desired return date, contact the [Student Success Center](#) to secure approval for meeting with the committee.
- ✓ [Academic Second Opportunity](#) offers a chance to “start over” with a new GPA, but only after a break from UT Knoxville for at least three calendar years. For some students, this is an excellent plan.