

Program Overview

STARS is the College of Business and Analytics (CoBA) structured retention program for students returning to the College after academic difficulty, through SIU readmission, suspension reinstatement, or a change of major application. It requires check-ins with clear grade expectations, so students rebuild good academic standing with support in place. For on-campus majors, agreeing to the STARS plan is a condition of acceptance for readmissions or reinstatement.

SIU's academic standing policy uses a three-stage system: Academic Notice, Academic Warning, then Academic Suspension, each with its own required interventions before a student reaches suspension. STARS begins after a student has been placed on Academic Suspension. Full policy: catalog.siu.edu/grading/scholastic-probation-and-suspension-system.php

Eligibility

- Students academically suspended two or more times are not eligible for reinstatement or readmission to CoBA.
- A non-enrollment period of two consecutive semesters (excluding summer) is required following a suspension.
- Students who previously participated in STARS will not be considered for the program again.

Program Requirements

Students must meet every item below, both the engagement activities and the grade standards to remain in good standing with STARS. Missing one requirement counts as an unsuccessful semester.

Activity	Frequency	Timing	Contact
Retention meetings	3 per semester	Weeks 1–2, Week 8, Week 15	Director of Office and Diversity
Academic advisor meetings	2 per semester	Before term starts, then advisement for the following term	Assigned academic advisor
Major Director/Program Coordinator meeting	1 per semester	Before end of semester	Named at intake meeting
Business Placement Center meeting	1 per semester	Before end of semester	Director of Business Placement Center
Study hall / tutoring	5 hours every week	Academic Success Center, Rehn Hall Rm. 10	Scheduled at intake meeting
Class attendance	Every session; sheets submitted bi-weekly	Ongoing	Instructor signatures required

Grade Performance Standards (apply every semester in the program)

- No withdrawals from any course after the first two weeks of the semester
- No incomplete grades
- No grade lower than a “C” in any course

Staff may adjust these standards for extenuating circumstances; otherwise, failure to meet them can result in program suspension and a registration hold.

How to Apply

Submit the signed application form and provide a personal statement addressing the reasons for past academic difficulty, your goals, and the changes you'll make to sustain good standing. One extra step applies if you've been away from SIU:

- Re-admission after suspension/probation (2-semester separation passed): first reapply for undergraduate admission at siu.edu/admissions, selecting a CoBA major, then submit the STARS application.
- Immediate reinstatement from suspension: submit the STARS application for CoBA review. If approved, CoBA will help you assemble the university reinstatement petition, which is forwarded to the Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for final approval. STARS approval does not guarantee reinstatement into the university.
- Change of major into CoBA after academic difficulty elsewhere: submit the STARS application; you may be asked to complete some or all of the structured engagement activities.

Tracking & Outcomes

- Engagement meetings are tracked on a signature card issued at your first CASE/retention meeting.
- A final-semester review determines Successful Completion status and whether you continue in CoBA.
- Unsuccessful completion can lead to an administrative hold limiting registration to one credit hour, removable only by CoBA.
- Any student placed on academic suspension while in STARS will be denied reinstatement.

Agreement & Signature

By signing below, I agree to the CoBA STARS program as outlined and understand I must meet both the structured engagement activities and academic performance requirements to continue in the College of Business and Analytics and/or at SIU. If I do not meet the requirements, my enrollment eligibility, admission, and/or reinstatement may be revoked by the College.

Last name	First name	Dawg Tag Number	Cell Phone Number
Email address		Semester of Application	Major
Student Signature		Date	

Return this signed form, along with your personal statement to:

Ivan Vargas, Director – Office of Diversity and Inclusion

In person: Rehn Hall – 121

Email: ivan.vargas@siu.edu