Dear <student name>,

Your semester grades have posted, and you can now see them in SOAR. I’m writing you today because your grades have placed you on **academic probation**, and I want to give you **directions for how to remove the probation hold on your SOAR account** and begin your academic recovery for next semester. **This will require that you complete an Academic Success Plan in Canvas by the deadline of January 10, 2022 (ten days before the start of classes).**

Many students have a semester of probation at some point, and we will point you in the right direction to make sure that future semesters are better. Sometimes probation happens because of personal circumstances, challenges with time management, or just a particularly difficult combination of classes. Regardless of the reason, you can improve your academic situation, and we are going to show you how.

Your next step is to [log into Canvas](https://usm.instructure.com/login/canvas) and complete the Academic Success Plan. When you log in, you will see a note at the top of your dashboard to accept the invitation to the Academic Success Plan course, so click to accept. It will look like a regular course, but it is just a short set of modules that introduce you to the most important topics that you need to know to turn your GPA around next semester. Work through the modules, reading each page and completing all of the short quizzes. Once you have passed this Academic Success Plan “course,” your probation hold will be lifted in SOAR. You must get at least 70% total, but you can spend as much time as you need and take the quizzes multiple times to pass. We strongly advise you to go ahead and finish your Academic Success Plan well before the next semester starts, so you are prepared to be successful in your upcoming classes.

We care how you are doing at Southern Miss. Contact your Advisor (listed in SOAR) to discuss any recommended changes to your classes for next semester, or to ask questions as you complete your Academic Success Plan. If you have more general questions, complete our [Ask-An-Advisor](https://forms.usm.edu/registrar/view.php?id=3) form. Keep in mind that challenge is a part of college and that you can be successful through hard work. We look forward to seeing you in the semester ahead, equipped with the many tips and tools you will gain through completion of the Academic Success Plan!

Sincerely,

Amy L. Chasteen

Executive Vice Provost