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POLICY

Academic Standing

Northeastern Illinois University is committed to helping students achieve their educational goals. At Northeastern, there are four distinct classifications of academic standing, which are reviewed each semester and which are reflected on a student's permanent academic record or transcript:

- Good Standing (All students begin the University in Good Standing.)
- Academic Probation
- Continued on Academic Probation
- Dismissed

There is an additional classification of academic standing that is reviewed each semester, but not reflected on a student's permanent academic record or transcript:

- Academic Warning

Many factors (academic, personal, social, financial, etc.) can impact students' academic performance. These classifications are designed to identify whether students are succeeding academically, and whether they would benefit from support services to maintain or regain Good Standing.

Undergraduate Students

Good Standing

A student must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 to be classified in Good Standing. The cumulative GPA is computed on the basis of credit earned at Northeastern Illinois University only. Courses at the 100-level and higher count towards a student's cumulative GPA. Courses that begin with "0" are developmental courses, and do not count towards the cumulative GPA. The classification of Good Standing will appear on a student's transcript.

In addition to this Academic Standing Policy, students who receive financial aid are required to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress.

Students must maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA to graduate, although some academic programs require higher than a 2.0 cumulative GPA to graduate.

Academic Warning

Academic Warning is designed to alert a student that she or he needs to work to regain Good Standing. Academic Warning occurs when a student's current term GPA is below 2.00, and the student's cumulative GPA is 2.00 or above. Students on Academic Warning are expected to see their advisors frequently, and to seek support from other University resources. The classification of Academic Warning will not appear on a student's transcript.

Academic Probation

Academic Probation occurs when a student's cumulative GPA falls below 2.0. The student will return to Good Standing when the cumulative GPA is 2.0 or higher. The classification of Academic Probation will appear on a student's transcript.

Each student placed on academic probation will be expected to take the following actions:

- Schedule a meeting with an advisor within one week of notification.
- Meet with an advisor within two weeks of notification, and create a personalized achievement and success strategies (PASS) plan.
- Meet at least three times per semester with the advisor, and provide updates on the PASS plan. Faculty are encouraged to use AdvisorTrac for reporting purposes for these updates.



- Utilize appropriate University and community support services.

Continued on Academic Probation

The classification of Continued on Academic Probation occurs when a student has been placed on Academic Probation during a semester, and during the next semester the student 1) does not have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.00, and 2) earns at least a 2.0 average for the semester. The classification of Continued on Academic Probation will appear on a student's transcript.

In this situation, the student will be permitted to continue on academic probation. The student is expected to continue to take the following actions:

- Meet at least three times per semester with the advisor to provide updates on the PASS plan. Faculty are encouraged to use AdvisorTrac for reporting purposes for these updates.
- Utilize appropriate University and community support services.

Dismissed

A student is Dismissed from the University when she or he is on Academic Probation and fails to raise the cumulative GPA to at least 2.00, and fails to earn at least a 2.00 semester GPA. The classification of Dismissed will appear on a student's transcript.

Student Success Programs

Exceptions to the above policy will be made for students in the Student Success Programs, including the Project Success program, the Proyecto Pa'Lante program, the El Centro Student Success program, the Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies Student Success program and the Wentworth Scholars Program.

A student in these Student Success Programs will be subject to the above academic standards after three continuous semesters in the programs; summers shall not count as semesters unless a student is enrolled for the summer. Good standing or probationary status is reviewed at the end of the third consecutive semester after enrollment in the program.

University Without Walls (UWW) Program

Students enrolled in the University Without Walls program shall be exempt from being placed on academic probation or being dismissed during the first 12 credit hours of formal course work taken at Northeastern. If a UWW student takes more than 12 hours of formal credit, the normal University academic regulations will apply. The above policy has no bearing on transfer credits, or on any formal course work not completed at Northeastern.

Students-at-Large

Students-at-large with bachelor's degrees and undergraduate students-at-large will be dismissed if, upon completion of four courses, they have less than a 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) cumulative GPA, and have not maintained a term GPA of 2.0 or better.

Reinstatement

A student who has been dismissed may petition to the Academic Standards Committee for reinstatement after one semester. If the petition is granted, the reinstated student will be on academic probation and will be subject to the standards for a student on Academic Probation as detailed in the preceding paragraph. Students who have been dismissed a second time may be eligible for reinstatement to the University through the petition process.

A petition (written letter, university admissions application, and nonrefundable application fee) addressed to the Academic Standards Committee must be submitted to the University Registrar no later than July 15 for the Fall semester, November 15 for the Spring semester, or March 15 for the Summer semester in order to be considered for reinstatement.

The Academic Standards Committee is responsible for all policies governing the academic probation, dismissal and reinstatement of undergraduate students, and will recommend action to the Provost. Decisions of the Provost shall be final in all cases.

Graduate Students

To remain in good academic standing, a graduate student must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. In addition, a graduate student in a degree or certificate program must make satisfactory progress toward his/her degree or certificate. A student must be in good academic standing to graduate.

Academic Probation



A graduate student whose cumulative GPA falls below 3.0 will be placed on academic probation. If, in subsequent terms, the student earns grades that restore his/her cumulative GPA to 3.0 or above, he/she will be returned to good academic standing. If a student needs to be placed on academic probation for a third time after he/she returned to good academic standing in two previous probation instances, he/she will be dismissed. A student whose cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 will be dismissed without academic probation. A student who is on academic probation and who does not restore his/her cumulative GPA to 3.0 in subsequent terms will be permitted to remain on academic probation as long as he/she earns at least a 3.0 GPA for the term. If, in any subsequent term, the student on academic probation fails to earn a 3.0 GPA for the term, he/she will be dismissed.

Dismissal

A graduate student may be dismissed from his/her program for the following academic reasons: sub-standard GPA (see Academic Probation policy); failure to make satisfactory progress toward completion of his/her program; or receiving more than six credit hours of unsatisfactory grades (C, D, or F). A student may also be dismissed as a consequence of acts of academic misconduct (see the University Code of Conduct).

To avoid dismissal, a student who has experienced extenuating circumstances may meet with his/her program advisor to request development of a plan outlining the course of action the student must follow to return to good academic standing. This plan must be approved by both the program and the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies and Research or the Dean's designee. Failure to meet the terms of this plan may not be appealed and will result in dismissal.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please direct questions or concerns about this policy to:

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DISCLAIMER

The University reserves the right to modify or amend sections of this policy at any time at its sole discretion. This policy remains in effect until such time as the Responsible Officer calls for review. Requests for exception to any portion of this policy, but not to the policy statement, must be presented in writing to the Responsible Officer.