

# Scholastic Standing

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Records of all undergraduate and Pharm.D. students are examined at the end of each grading period. Academic progress is measured by grades and credits earned. To be eligible to register continuously without restrictions, an undergraduate or Pharm.D. student must maintain good academic standing, which is defined as a minimum cumulative institutional grade point average of 2.00 (4.00 scale). Students are notified at the end of a semester via NDSU email if they become academically deficient.

Some academic majors have academic standards that are higher than the University minimum and this information should be clearly outlined on the official major curriculum found in the University Bulletin (catalog). Students may also consult with their academic adviser or academic department for information about program specific requirements.

Academic standing relates to the following:

## Good Standing

Good standing reflects when a student's term GPA and cumulative GPA are both at or above 2.00.

## Academic Warning

An academic warning is to alert a student that his/her term GPA is below the minimum required for good standing, even though the institutional cumulative GPA is at or above 2.00. An academic warning does not appear on the official academic transcript but does appear on the unofficial transcript. Students are notified of their academic warning status via official NDSU email.

## Academic Probation

An academic probation is issued when a student who entered the grading period on good standing or academic warning earns an institutional cumulative GPA below the minimum 2.00 for good standing. An academic probation does not appear on the student's official academic transcript, but does appear on the unofficial transcript. Students are notified of their academic probation status via official NDSU email.

## Continued Probation

Continued probation is a formal extension of the academic probation status. It is issued when a student enters the grading period on academic probation or continued probation, shows adequate progress by attaining a minimum term GPA of 2.00, but his/her cumulative institutional GPA is still below the minimum 2.00 for good standing. Continued probation does not appear on the student's official academic transcript, but does appear on the unofficial transcript. Students are notified of their continued probation status via official NDSU email.

## Academic Suspension

Academic suspension is issued when a student enters the term on either probation or continued probation and earns both a term GPA and institutional cumulative GPA below the minimum 2.00 for good standing. This includes students admitted on probation for their first semester at NDSU or readmitted on probation following an academic suspension. A student may not be considered for readmission for two grading periods following an academic suspension (includes summer). An academic suspension appears on the student's official academic transcript. A suspension hold is placed on the student's record by the Office of Registration and Record which prevents all future registration. If a student has pre-registered for classes in a future semester, these courses will be administratively removed by the Office of Registration and Records. Students who are suspended are notified of their suspension status via official NDSU email.

## Filing a Suspension Appeal Based on Extenuating Circumstances

A student who has been suspended *may* appeal the suspension **but only if there are extraordinary circumstances beyond the student's control that can be supported with documented evidence. In addition, the student must meet a minimum institutional cumulative GPA based on total NDSU credits earned.** An Appeal Academic Suspension (<https://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/registrar/forms/suspappeal.pdf>) form is available online and must be submitted to the Office of Registration and Records by the deadline published on the appeal form. If approved, the student must make satisfactory academic progress in the subsequent term according to the published academic standards of the University (see above). If there are no extraordinary, documented circumstances students are not eligible for this appeal.

## Readmission After Serving an Academic Suspension

To be considered for readmission after serving an academic suspension, students must sit out a minimum of two grading periods (includes summer) and file a Undergraduate Reactivation/Petition for Readmission Form to the Office of Registration and Records a minimum of 30 business days prior to the beginning of the semester in which the student is eligible for readmission. The petition is reviewed by a college committee and if approved, the student will be readmitted on academic probation and may register for classes.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Students who enrolled in courses at another institution while serving the terms of an NDSU academic suspension should review the NDSU repeated courses policy (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2021-22/academic-policies/repeated-courses/>) and transfer credit policy (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2021-22/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/transfer-test-credit/>) (#2). Students must arrange for an official transcript to be sent to the Office of Registration and Records **before** readmission will be considered. Students re-entering NDSU

from an academic suspension who attended courses elsewhere must earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 in those classes. NDSU reserves the right to revoke readmission if official transcripts are not received or the final cumulative GPA from a sending institution is below 2.00.

### **An Academic Suspension from Another Institution**

NDSU honors suspensions of other institutions. Transfer and returning students who have been suspended from another institution may not be considered for admission or readmission until one year has lapsed or the suspension has been lifted. Students who fail to report all previous college work are subject to dismissal or loss of credit or both. Courses previously completed at NDSU may only be repeated at NDSU for grade and GPA improvement on the NDSU academic record, with the exception of Tri-College courses (see Repeated Courses (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2021-22/academic-policies/grades/#repeatedcoursestext>) section for more details).