

Academic Standing

Records of all undergraduate and professional (pharmacy) students are examined at the end of each semester, including summer. Academic progress is measured by grades and credits earned. To be eligible to register continuously without restrictions, students must maintain good academic standing, which is defined as meeting or exceeding a 2.000 semester GPA on a 4.0 scale. Students are notified at the end of a semester via their NDSU email account if they become academically deficient.

Some academic majors have standards that are higher than the University minimum of 2.000. This information should be clearly outlined on the official major curriculum found in the University Catalog. A graphic illustration of academic progress and standing is available in chart format on the Academic Standing (<https://www.ndsu.edu/onestop/academic-standing/>) webpage on the One Stop website.

Academic standing is defined as follows:

Good Standing

Good standing is achieved when a student's cumulative GPA is at or above 2.00. **(Prior to fall 2022, this standing was achieved when a student's semester GPA and cumulative GPA were both at or above 2.00.)**

Academic Alert

An academic alert is issued when a student who entered the grading period on good standing (or academic warning) earns both a semester and cumulative GPA below the minimum 2.00. An academic alert does not appear on the student's official academic transcript, but does appear on the unofficial transcript. Students are notified of their academic alert status via official NDSU email. **(Prior to fall 2022, this standing was Academic Probation.)**

Continued Alert

Continued alert is a formal extension of the academic alert status. It is issued when a student enters the grading period on academic alert or continued alert, shows adequate progress by attaining a minimum semester GPA of 2.00, but the cumulative GPA is still below the minimum 2.00. Continued alert does not appear on the student's official academic transcript, but does appear on the unofficial transcript. Students are notified of their continued alert status via official NDSU email. **(Prior to fall 2022, this standing was Continued Probation.)**

Academic Suspension

Academic suspension is an administrative intervention that requires a student to stop out for two semesters immediately following the semester of suspension. An academic suspension is issued in the following situations:

1. When a student enters a semester on academic alert or continued alert from a previous semester and earns both a semester GPA and cumulative GPA below 2.000.
2. When a student is admitted to the University on academic alert and earns both a semester GPA and cumulative GPA below 2.000 in the first semester.
3. When a student is readmitted on academic alert following a stop out from a prior academic suspension and earns both a semester GPA and cumulative GPA below 2.000.

A suspension hold is placed on the student's record by the Office of Registration and Record preventing enrollment activity during a future semester. If a student is enrolled in a future semester, this enrollment is removed to ensure tuition and fees are fully refunded. Students are notified of their suspension status via official NDSU email and a copy of this notification is available in the Tasks and Communications tile in Campus Connection. An academic suspension appears on the student's official academic transcript.

Readmission After Serving an Academic Suspension

To be considered for readmission after serving an academic suspension, a student must file a Undergraduate Reactivation/Petition for Readmission Form (<https://www.ndsu.edu/onestop/student-forms/>) to the Office of Registration and Records by the semester deadlines listed on the form. The petition is reviewed by a readmission committee. If approved, the student is 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 be familiar with the NDSU repeated courses policy (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2025-2026/academic-policies/repeated-courses/>) and transfer credit policy (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2025-2026/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.

Academic Suspension from Another Institution

NDSU honors suspensions of other institutions. Students transferring to or returning to NDSU who have been suspended from another institution may not be considered for admission or readmission until one year has lapsed or the suspension from the other institution has been lifted. Students who fail to report all previous college work may be subject to dismissal.