

Student Policy - Academic Standing

Policy:

The purpose of Bismarck State College's policy on academic standing is to give students opportunities to recognize and resolve problems, which might hinder their chances for success at BSC. It is the responsibility of all students to remain in contact with their instructors regarding progress in enrolled courses.

Students should contact their academic advisor concerning their academic standing.

Students should be aware of the following:

- Academic standing is calculated at the end of each Fall semester, Spring semester and Summer session.
- Poor academic performance could result in academic warning, probation, or suspension.
- Academic standing is recorded on unofficial and official transcripts.

For the purpose of this policy, term or semester is interchangeable. Fall semester courses are between August and December; Spring semester courses are between January and May; Summer session courses are between May and August.

Good Academic Standing:

Students who have a term and cumulative grade point average 2.00 or higher.

Academic Warning:

Students who have a term or cumulative grade point average below 2.00.

Academic Probation:

Students who are on academic warning and fail to earn a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or higher after finishing their next semester of enrollment. Students placed on academic probation should understand the following:

- Students receiving a 2.00 or higher term grade point average will be allowed to remain on academic probation until they improve their cumulative grade point average to a 2.00 or higher.

Academic Suspension:

Students who are on academic probation and fail to earn a term grade point average of 2.00 or

higher after finishing their next semester of enrollment. Students placed on academic suspension should understand the following:

- First-time suspension – the student will not be reinstated before a lapse of at least one semester (summer session will not constitute a semester).
- Multiple suspensions – the student will not be reinstated before a lapse of at least two semesters (summer session will not constitute a semester).

Academic Suspension Readmission:

Students seeking readmission should refer to Student Procedure – Academic Suspension Readmission.

Academic Suspension Appeal:

Students seeking to appeal their Academic Suspension should refer to the Student Procedure – Academic Suspension Appeal.

History of This Policy:

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