

443.2 - Academic Standing and Academic Suspension Appeal

Purpose:

The purpose of Bismarck State College's operational procedure on academic standing is to provide students opportunities to recognize and resolve problems that may 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, Spring, 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 semesters are interchangeable.

Definitions:

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 on academic warning who fail to earn a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or higher after finishing their next semester of enrollment. 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).

For information on how GPA is defined and calculated, refer to

[Operational Procedure 441.0 Honor Points and GPA.pdf](#)

Procedure:

Students who are on academic suspension from Bismarck State College may appeal the suspension through the appropriate Academic Dean.

Students will be in the best position to appeal if they have:

- Shown that they are working on making progress toward reaching their academic goals.
- Documented extenuating circumstances preventing them from meeting the minimum academic requirements. Extenuating circumstances could include but are not limited to, serious illness to the student or immediate family member, death of an immediate family member, significant trauma in the student's life that impaired the student's emotional and/or physical health.

To be considered for an appeal the student must complete the Academic Suspension Appeal Request form located in CampusConnection on the BSC eForms tile. It is recommended that the student completes the Academic Suspension Appeal Request form at least **two weeks** prior to the start of the student's first course.

The Academic Suspension Appeal will be reviewed by the appropriate Academic Dean for consideration of readmission.

If the Appeal is approved:

- The student must contact the Mystic Advising and Counseling Center at 701-224-5752 or BSC.Advising@bismarckstate.edu to meet with an Academic Advisor who will assist the student with developing a student readmission plan.
- The student will be notified by the Academic Records Office when they are eligible to enroll in course(s).
- During the student's first semester back, the Academic Advisor will provide proactive outreach to monitor academic progress, offer mentoring, and connect the student with support services as needed. Outreach throughout the semester may coincide with early alert, midterms, prior to drop/withdrawal deadlines, and prior to current student registration.
- An Academic Suspension Reinstatement hold may be placed on the student's account to require the student to meet with the Academic Advisor prior to registering for courses for the second semester following a suspension.

References:

[Operational Procedure 441.0 Honor Points and GPA.pdf](#)

History of This Procedure:

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