

# Academic Standing

Students are considered in **good academic standing** with the University when their semester and cumulative grade point averages (GPA) are above the University standard. The University standard is 1.75 for first-year students and 2.0 for sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Students on **academic warning** are considered in good academic standing. Students on **academic probation** are not in good academic standing with the University.

**Provisionally admitted first-year students** who earn between 1.0 and 1.75 during their first semester will be placed on academic probation during their second semester. Provisionally admitted first-year students who earn below a 1.0 during their first semester will be **academically dismissed** from the University.

**All other provisionally admitted students** who earn lower than a 2.0 GPA during their first semester will be placed on **academic probation** during their second semester.

**Fully admitted first-year students** who earn lower than a 1.75 GPA during their first semester will be placed on **academic probation** during the next semester.

**Fully admitted first-year students** who earn lower than a 1.75 GPA during their second semester *only*, with a cumulative GPA above 1.75, will be placed on **academic warning** during the next semester.

**Fully admitted first-year students** who earn a cumulative GPA below 1.75 for two consecutive semesters will be **academically dismissed** from the University.

**Sophomores, juniors, and seniors** whose semester GPA falls below 2.0 and whose cumulative GPA is above 2.0 will be placed on **academic warning** *for one semester. Students on academic warning are considered to be in good academic standing.*

**Sophomores, juniors, and seniors** whose semester GPA falls below 2.0 for two consecutive semesters will be placed on **academic probation**.

**Sophomores, juniors, and seniors** whose cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 will be placed on **academic probation**.

While on **academic probation**, if a student's semester GPA falls below 2.0 while the student's cumulative GPA is at or above 2.0, the student will be placed on **continued academic probation**.

While on **academic probation**, if a student's semester GPA and cumulative GPA fall below 2.0, the student will be **academically dismissed** from the University.

Academic progress is reviewed by committee following each term (fall, spring, summer). If a student's grades were hindered by unforeseen circumstances, the student may appeal the dismissal through written communication to the **Academic Progress Commission (APC)**. The process of appeal does not guarantee reinstatement.

Students who have been academically dismissed may re-enroll at NNU after providing an official transcript showing a minimum of 12 college-level credits earned with a GPA of at least 2.0 from another accredited college or university. Academic standing is determined solely by the student's NNU cumulative GPA.

NNU summer sessions may be utilized as a means of raising a student's GPA to meet the University's standard for "good academic standing" prior to the beginning of the fall semester. The student must submit a written letter of appeal to the APC specifically requesting a postponement in the decision of the APC until the completion of summer session courses. If the postponement is approved, the APC will re-evaluate the student's academic standing after summer session grades have been posted. All summer sessions combine to equal an academic term.

Academic policies apply only to academic standing and may not be the same as those used to determine eligibility for other areas (e.g., financial aid, NCAA athletics).