

Policy Name : Academic Standing, Baccalaureate Degrees

Category : Academic

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Policy Statement : Students enrolled in Sheridan programs are required to maintain specific grade point averages in order to continue in the program and graduate. Students who do not achieve the minimum GPA requirements may be placed on Academic Probation or asked to withdraw from the college.

Principles/Guidelines :

The Academic Standing Policy is based on the following principles:

- Graduation from a program requires demonstration of a minimum level of academic achievement.
- Students have a right to know of any required sequence of courses, limits on course attempts or any other restrictions related to academic standing and course credits.
- Students should be aware if their academic standing reaches a point such that they are unlikely to be able to graduate.
- Students have a right to know how to appeal a decision regarding their standing within an academic program.

Policy Scope :

B. For students in Sheridan Baccalaureate programs, the following promotion and graduation requirements apply:

Course Type	Promotion	Graduation
Professional Courses	2.5 GPA	2.5 GPA
Courses outside professional field of study	2.0 GPA	2.0 GPA
Overall	2.4 GPA	2.4 GPA

Academic Standing

Students who do not meet the GPA requirements listed above may be placed on Academic Probation or required to withdraw from the program.

Academic Probation

Students whose cumulative or term GPA in their declared program of study falls below 2.0 but is at or above 1.2 may continue in the program on Academic Probation. All students on academic probation are encouraged to see an academic advisor. Students whose cumulative or term GPA is between 1.2 and 1.5 must see an academic advisor before registering in the next semester.

Continuation in a program while on Academic Probation

Students who are on Academic Probation must achieve a minimum term GPA of 3.0 in professional courses and 2.5 in courses outside the major field of study until the minimum GPA requirements for promotion have been met.

Students whose term GPA in professional courses is between 2.5 and 3.0 and/or whose term GPA in courses outside the major field of study is between 2.0 and 2.5 will have their academic record considered by a program promotion committee.

Required Withdrawal for Academic Reasons

Students whose cumulative GPA falls below 1.2 must withdraw from the program for a minimum

of one academic year.

Petition to Continue without Interruption

Students who are required to withdraw from a program for academic reasons may submit an appeal to continue their studies without interruption. Students should follow the Academic Appeal procedures.

Continuation in or Readmission to a Program after Required Withdrawal for Academic Reasons

Students who are permitted to continue in a program or are re-admitted to a program after being required to withdraw for academic reasons must achieve a minimum term GPA of 3.0 in professional courses and 2.5 in courses outside the major field of study until the minimum GPA requirements for promotion have been met.

Students whose term GPA in professional courses is between 2.5 and 3.0 and/or whose term GPA in courses outside the major field of study is between 2.0 and 2.5 will have their academic record considered by a program promotion committee.

Subject Prerequisites and Co-requisites

Students in any Sheridan program may not take any courses unless any prerequisites have been satisfied and unless any co-requisite courses are being taking concurrently.

Maximum Credits and Maximum Course Attempts

Students in Sheridan baccalaureate programs may receive credit for a maximum of 8 passed courses above the program requirements for graduation. Students may not attempt any individual course more than 3 times.

Sanctions/Actions/Appeals : Academic decisions related to this policy may be appealed under the Academic Appeals policy.

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