



## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS POLICY

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**NUMBER/TITLE:** AA-105.2, STANDARDS FOR ACADEMIC STANDING (SAS)

**Covered Individuals:** All UIU Students

**Covered Locations:** All UIU Locations

**Effective Date:** December 6, 2022

**Strategic Priority:** SP 1.1.b

**HLC:** Criterion 3.a.1

**Consultations:** Faculty, Senior Director of Academic Success, Registrar, Academic Review Committee Undergraduate Chair, VPASA, Deans

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### POLICY STATEMENT

A student must meet the following standards to be considered in good academic standing. Students must have a status of good standing, academic warning, or academic probation to register for courses.

### PURPOSE

To define the standards for good academic standing and the consequences for students who do not fall within the standards.

### DEFINITIONS

*Academic Dismissal* - A student will be dismissed if they fail to make improvements toward the minimum standards while on academic probation.

*Academic Improvement Plan (AIP)* – A plan to reflect on past performance and to begin identifying resources, skills, and strategies to help the student return to good academic standing.

*Academic Probation* - A student who successfully appeals his/her academic suspension will be placed on academic probation.

*Academic Suspension* - A student who fails to meet the minimum standards at the end of a semester on academic warning will be placed on academic suspension.

*Academic Warning* - A student who fails to meet the minimum standards for good academic standing will be placed on academic warning.

*Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)* – This is determined by dividing the number of quality points earned at Upper Iowa University by the total number of graded semester credits earned at Upper Iowa University.

*Good Standing:* A student is placed in good standing if they meet the minimum standards as defined by the Standards for Academic Standing policy.

### POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

#### Undergraduate Programs

- Maintain the minimum cumulative grade point average for the appropriate classification listed below:
  - 0 to <30 completed credits\* - 1.75 cumulative GPA
  - 30 to <60 completed credits\* - 1.90 cumulative GPA
  - > 60 completed credits\* - 2.00 cumulative GPA

\*Completed credits include transfer credits towards degree plus Upper Iowa University letter grades of A to D-.

### **Graduate Programs**

- Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50 with six or fewer completed graduate credits\*\*.
- Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00 with seven or more completed graduate credits\*\*.

\*\*Completed credits include transfer credits towards degree plus Upper Iowa University letter grades of A to C-.

## **RULES, PROCEDURES, GUIDELINES, FORMS, AND OTHER RELATED RESOURCES**

### **Failure to Meet Requirements for Academic Standing**

The standards for academic standing are reviewed for each student at the end of each semester by the Academic Review Committee for undergraduate students and the Graduate Academic Review Committee for graduate students. A student who fails to meet the standards for good academic standing will be placed on one of the following statuses.

**Academic Warning:** A student who fails to meet the minimum standards for good academic standing will be placed on academic warning. The purpose of the warning is to make the student aware that continued performance at or below the standards will lead to academic suspension. A student placed on academic warning shall not carry overload and shall not be eligible to register for study abroad courses.

**Academic Suspension:** A student who fails to meet the minimum standards at the end of a semester on academic warning will be placed on academic suspension. Students placed on academic suspension may appeal the action to the appropriate committee. The appeal must include a personal statement by the student explaining the factors that adversely impacted the student's academic performance, a specific AIP for achieving the minimum standards for academic good standing, and any supporting documentation. Students placed on academic suspension shall not register for classes until their appeal has been approved by the appropriate review committee.

**Academic Probation:** A student who successfully appeals his/her academic suspension will be placed on academic probation. Students placed on academic probation will be reviewed individually at the end of each semester by the Academic Review Committee or the Graduate Academic Review Committee. A student placed on academic probation shall not carry overload and shall not be eligible for study abroad courses. A student will be removed from academic probation when the minimum standards have been met. The length of the probationary period varies by the student due to course load and performance.

**Academic Dismissal:** A student will be dismissed from the university if they fail to make improvements toward the minimum standards while on Academic Probation. A student may apply to return to the university after a one-year period has elapsed by submitting the Personal Information for Returning Students Form and an appeal (AIP).

The student placed on academic suspension or dismissal is responsible for working with the academic advisor to complete an appeal and submitting to the appropriate Academic Review Committee. The Academic Review Committee will review the AIP. The committee will approve or deny the appeal based on evidence provided by the student. A successful appeal will result in the student’s status being changed to academic probation.

**CUSTODIAN**

Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

**RELATED DOCUMENTS, FORMS, AND POLICIES**

AA-105.2.A, Standards for Academic Standing Guide

AA-105.2.B, Academic Improvement Plan (AIP)

AA-105.2.C, Schedule for Academic Review Committee

**HISTORY**

New/Revision Number	Date of Action/Approval	Revision Change
AA-105.2	December 6, 2022	Policy put into new template, basic formatting, edits, created policy definitions, and provided gender-neutral language.
105	March 21, 2018	Revised policy was approved by President Council.
105	May 17, 2017	Policy was created and approved by President Council.