UNDERSTANDING YOUR ACADEMIC STANDING

The term Academic Standing can be confusing, but it is important that you understand how the grades you earn affect your Academic Standing. To assist with this, we have created an outline of various scenarios and associated outcomes.

HOW IS THE GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) CALCULATED?

If you attempt at least *9 units of course weight (usually 3 courses) in either the Fall/Winter period or Spring/Summer period, your Grade Point Average (GPA) for Academic Standing will be calculated. Courses completed in previous terms or years are not factored into the GPA calculation used for determining academic standing. If you registered for Fall but not for Winter, academic standing is calculated after the Fall term grades are available if a minimum of *9 has been attempted. Similarly, if you registered for Spring but not for Summer, academic standing is calculated after the Spring term grades are available if a minimum of *9 has been attempted.

SATISFACTORY STANDING

Students with a GPA of 2.0 or greater in the BEd and BEd After Degree; the BA(Native Studies)/BEd Combined Degree; the BPE/BEd Combined Degree; and BSc(Human Ecology)/BEd Combined Degree programs are considered to be in Satisfactory Standing and may continue in the program.

Students with a GPA of 2.3 or greater in the BSc(Specialization in Science and Education)/BEd; the BMus/BEd; the BA(Drama)/BEd; and BSc(Augustana)/BEd Combined Degrees are considered to be in Satisfactory Standing and may continue in the program. Students in these Combined Degrees are also required to complete a minimum of *24 credits in every Fall/Winter period.

MARGINAL STANDING: ACADEMIC WARNING (AW)

When your Academic Standing is calculated, if you have a GPA of 1.7 to 1.9 you are considered to be in Marginal Standing and are placed on Academic Warning. While on Academic Warning, you must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or greater for each individual term of registration, regardless of the number of courses taken in a term. In addition, you must complete *24 credits with a GPA of 2.0; or a minimum of *21 credits with a GPA of 2.3; or a minimum of *18 credits with a GPA of 2.7; or a minimum of *15 credits with a GPA of 3.0 in order to clear Academic Warning. If you receive a second assessment of Marginal Standing, you will be Required to Withdraw.

UNSATISFACTORY STANDING: REQUIRED TO WITHDRAW (RTW)

When your Academic Standing is calculated, if you have a GPA of 1.6 or less, or if you have been assigned Marginal Standing on two occasions while registered in the Faculty of Education, you are considered to be in Unsatisfactory Standing and are Required to Withdraw (RTW) from the Faculty. If you have been RTW, you are permitted to remain registered for the term immediately following the RTW term (except for the Introductory Field Experience or Advanced Field Experience). After that you are no longer eligible to take courses in the Faculty of Education and must complete a minimum of *24 credits of transferable, non-repeated coursework before reapplying and re-competing for admission.
WHAT HAPPENS IF I AM REQUIRED TO WITHDRAW?

If you are Required to Withdraw, you will be notified via your UofA email account of options specific to your situation. If this is the first time you have been Required to Withdraw, your options may include the following:

**Appeal:** Information will be provided regarding the appeal process and timelines. If you successfully appeal a Required to Withdraw standing, you are permitted to remain in the BEd program on Academic Warning.

If you choose not to appeal or if your appeal is unsuccessful, you are required to leave the Faculty of Education. If you wish to be considered for future readmission to the BEd program you will be required to complete *24 units of course weight (usually 8 courses) through Open Studies at the UofA or at an external accredited post-secondary institution (or a combination of both) before reapplying and re-competing for readmission.

**Fresh Start Program:** Fresh Start is a special one-year program offered through Open Studies for students who are recommended to the program by the Faculty of Education. You must meet specific criteria and may not apply directly to the Fresh Start Program. You will be informed if you have been recommended to Fresh Start.

**Explore a Different Career:** If you have been Required to Withdraw, you may choose to pursue a different career path or training.

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