

# ACADEMIC STANDING & EXCLUSION, SUSPENSION OR DISMISSAL

## Minimum Acceptable Level

A cumulative grade-point average of 2.00 is the minimum acceptable level for undergraduate coursework in the University and for graduation from the University.

The Academic Standards and Advising Committee or Associate Deans examine the records of students periodically and take academic actions to warn academically deficient or potentially deficient students, or may exclude, suspend, or dismiss those who are academically deficient.

## Academic Actions: Durham & Manchester Students Exclusion

Students whose academic progress is uncertain, as evidenced by a mixture of generally low grades, incomplete courses, and administrative failures, may, upon determination by the Academic Standards and Advising Committee or associate deans, be excluded from further attendance until such time as their academic standing can be clarified, usually by resolution of incomplete courses. In addition, exclusion may be necessary to resolve questions concerning major departmental requirements or University academic standards. Exclusion is a temporary action and will be changed to Degree Status Discontinued, suspension, or dismissal not later than mid-semester following the exclusion action unless the student resolves the situation. If exclusion is not promptly resolved, then the student's preregistration, registration, and University housing will be canceled.

## Suspension

Students whose averages fall below the minimum required grade-point average for their class and/or who have demonstrated insufficient progress toward their degrees may be suspended. Students suspended from the University for academic reasons will not be readmitted as degree candidates until one regular UNH academic year semester (fall or spring) has elapsed from the time of suspension. Therefore, students will not be eligible to take courses in the regular session or through Continuing Education. In addition, students suspended in June may not enroll in any course in the Summer Session immediately following their suspension. Students on suspension for any reason will not earn transfer credit for courses taken while on suspension.

## Dismissal

Students who have been suspended once and whose average remains substantially below the minimum grade-point average for their class and who continues to demonstrate insufficient progress toward their degree must be dismissed. Only under extraordinary circumstances will a student be readmitted after having been dismissed. However, students who are dismissed may take courses through Continuing Education after one regular UNH semester has elapsed.

## Return after suspension or dismissal

Students who are suspended from the University and who wish to seek permission to return should request reactivation through the Office of the Registrar. When requesting reactivation, students must present reasons indicating that they can successfully resume college work. Suspension from the University shall be for not less than one semester. A second suspension is considered a dismissal. Only under extraordinary

circumstances will a student be readmitted after having been dismissed for academic reasons.

## Academic Actions: College of Professional Studies-Online Students (UNH-Granite State College)

### Academic Notification

A student who has completed at least 8 credits in a CPS-Online program and has a cumulative GPA below 2.0 is placed on academic notification.

### Academic Warning

If a student who is on academic notification still has a cumulative GPA of less than 2.00 after 8 additional credits in a CPS-Online program (i.e., after earning a total of at least 16 graded credits at UNH), the student is placed on academic warning. A registration restriction is placed on the student's account and an academic success plan developed with their Academic Advisor is required to register for the next term.

### Academic Probation

If a student who is on academic warning still has a cumulative GPA of less than 2.00 after earning an additional 8 credits in a CPS-Online program (i.e., after earning a total of at least 24 graded credits at UNH), the student is placed on academic probation. Again, a registration restriction is placed on the student's account and completion of an academic success plan with the respective Academic Advisor is required to register for the next term.

### Academic Dismissal

If a student who is on academic probation still has a cumulative GPA of less than 2.00 after earning an additional 8 credits in a CPS-Online program (i.e., after earning a total of at least 32 graded credits at UNH), the student is academically dismissed from the College.

In most cases it is advisable for the student to repeat a course when a failing grade is earned.

## Rescinding an Academic Standing Level

An academic standing level (i.e. academic warning) is in effect until it is rescinded or elevated to the point where the student is academically dismissed. The college rescinds the academic standing level in writing when the student's GPA returns to the good academic standing level. The Dean academically dismisses the student if the student's GPA does not return to a satisfactory level within the next 32 graded credits for the student.