

# Academic Standing Policy

*(Effective Fall 2011)*

A student's academic standing during any term is determined by the cumulative grade point average (GPA) earned on the total quality hours. To be in good standing, a cumulative GPA of 2.0 must be maintained. Individuals with less than a cumulative 2.0 are placed on either probation or suspension.

Students are advised of their academic status at the end of every semester on the grade report mailed to the address of record, and on the Braveweb site. It is the student's responsibility to know his/her academic status and to ensure that an accurate mailing address is on file with the Registrar.

## Academic Probation

### Continuing Students

A continuing student is placed on Academic Probation when his/her cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 at the end of any term (fall/spring/summer).

Students on academic probation are eligible to attend the university under specified provisions but are not in good standing. Enrollment for the probationary term will be limited to a maximum of 13 semester hours. At the end of the probationary term, students must achieve one of the following:

1. Raise the cumulative GPA to a minimum of 2.0, or
2. Earn a minimum GPA of 2.3 on at least 12 semester hours, excluding FRS 1000 and PE activity courses, for the probationary term.

Failure to meet one of the conditions above will result in suspension from UNCP for one semester.

### First Semester Freshmen and First Semester Transfer Students

In addition to the requirements above, first semester freshmen and first semester transfer students who earn between 1.5 and 1.99 at the end of their first semester are placed on probation for one term and must meet the following to continue:

1. Develop a Success Contract with a member of the Center for Academic Excellence and adhere to guidelines established.
2. Meet monthly with his/her academic advisor.
3. Attend a minimum of three academic success seminars offered by the Center for Academic Success.

First semester freshmen and first semester transfer students who earn between 1.5 and 1.99 and are placed on probation must agree to participate in the above activities during the second semester or he/she is ineligible to return to UNCP for one semester. Additionally, these students must earn a minimum GPA of 2.3 or achieve good academic standing status at the end of the second term. Failure to meet one of these criteria will result in a one semester suspension.

## **Academic Suspension**

### **Continuing Students**

If a continuing student does not meet the above GPA requirement(s) during the probationary semester, he/she will be suspended for one semester and can apply for readmission after the suspension semester (see Registrar's Website).

Following an initial suspension of one semester and being readmitted to the University on probation, failure to meet the GPA requirements at the end of the semester will result in a suspension for two semesters. After two semesters, the student may apply for readmission to UNCP (See Registrar's Website).

Students failing to meet the GPA requirements for continuation after the second suspension and readmission to UNCP will be suspended from the University for a minimum of three academic years.

NOTE: From time to time, students on suspension enroll at another institution to strengthen academic and study skills. While this can be a very beneficial use of the suspension semester, no credits earned while on suspension are transferrable to UNCP when readmitted.

### **First Semester Freshmen and First Semester Transfer Students**

First semester freshmen and first semester transfers earning less than a 1.5 at the end of the first term of enrollment are placed on suspension and are ineligible to return to the University for one semester. They can apply for readmission after the suspension semester (see Registrar's Website). If readmitted, students will return on academic probation.

### **Suspension Appeals**

A student who wishes to appeal his/her suspension must appeal to the Suspension Appeals Committee at least ten (10) work days prior to the first day of classes of the semester for which enrollment is sought. Appeals are coordinated by the staff of the Center for Academic Excellence. Individuals wishing to appeal a suspension should contact the Center to schedule a meeting with a counselor to develop an appeals packet. Complete appeals packets include, at a minimum, letter of appeal, Success Contract, supporting documents of personal/medical reasons for performance, and statement of strategies/support programs that will be utilized during the semester to attain good academic standing status. No appeals will be heard if received after the deadline, and the decision of the Suspension Appeals Committee is final.