

BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

Policies and Procedures

AREA: Academic Affairs

NUMBER: Policy 2.18

SUBJECT: Academic Standards

1. **Undergraduate**

The following minimum requirements for satisfactory academic standing apply to all degree-seeking students. In order to receive a bachelor's degree, a student must complete a minimum of 120 semester hours with a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.00 on all hours attempted (less repeats). To make satisfactory progress toward this goal, a student should normally maintain a minimum CGPA of 2.00 each semester. A student will be placed on academic probation if his/ her CGPA does not meet the following standards at the end of any given semester:

1.50 for students who have earned less than 30 semester hours (including transfer work)

2.00 for students who have earned 30 hours or more (including transfer work)

A. **Academic Probation**

Any student who fails to meet the minimum academic requirements outlined above will be placed on academic probation for the following semester. A student will be removed from probation by attaining the applicable required quality point ratio as noted above. A student who is on academic probation may take no more than 12 semester hours while on probation.

B. **Academic Suspension**

After one semester of probation, a student is placed on academic suspension for one semester when he/she has not achieved the minimum requirements for satisfactory academic standing as delineated above. Upon serving one semester of academic suspension, however, a student may apply for readmission. If readmitted, the student will be on academic probation. A student placed on academic suspension may appeal this decision to the Academic Standards Committee.

Any student who is enrolled in twelve (12) or more hours for the fall or spring semester or in nine (9) or more hours for a summer session and who earns a 0.00 grade point average for any one semester or summer session may be suspended regardless of his/ her cumulative grade point average.

A student who is suspended for academic reasons at the end of a spring semester may enroll in the Blue Mountain College summer session and earn eligibility for readmission the following fall semester. To qualify for readmission, the student must either attain the applicable required quality point ratio required for good standing as noted above or earn at least a C in each course of at least a twelve (12)-semester-hour load.

C. Academic Dismissal

Students are permanently dismissed from Blue Mountain College upon being placed on academic suspension for the third time.

2. **Graduate**

Progress toward a degree is measured both quantitatively and qualitatively -by the number of grade point hours and by the grade point. Grade point average (GPA) is calculated by dividing the number of grade points by the grade point hours.

A. End of Term Standings

1. Academic Good Standing - The requirement for remaining in academic good standing as a graduate student at Blue Mountain College is the same as the requirement for graduation - a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher (a B average) on all grade point hours attempted at Blue Mountain College.
2. Graduate Academic Warning -The student receives two C's in graduate courses. This status warns students that substantial academic progress must be made toward achieving good standing or they will not be allowed to complete their degree program.
3. Suspended with Right of Appeal - Upon earning the third C, enrollment is suspended and the student must submit a written appeal to the Graduate Council before reinstatement is considered.

Students who pre-register for classes and then are suspended academically at the end of a given semester or summer term are expected to withdraw from pre-registered classes pending outcome of academic appeal. Students who do not appeal for reinstatement after being suspended will be withdrawn from classes for the semester or term for which they have pre-registered.

B. Special Calculation of End-of-Term Standings

A grade of D will not count on a graduate degree. The course, if a required one, must be repeated; however, the D is still calculated in determining the overall GPA.

C. Earning a Grade of F in a Graduate Course

Earning a grade of F in any graduate course will result in automatic graduate program suspension.

D. Appeals for Academic Suspension

Any student who is suspended for academic reasons has the right of appeal to the Graduate Council. The Council will consider each case on its merits, taking into account the full academic record, the student's rate of progress in making up deficiencies, and any special circumstances that might reflect on the student's ability and readiness to do acceptable graduate work.

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