



Policy Name:	Academic Probation, Suspension and Dismissal Policy
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**Purpose**

To ensure all undergraduate students of the University are meeting acceptable levels of academic achievement and to define the consequences for failure to do so

**Policy**

Any student classified as a freshman whose Northwest or cumulative grade point average falls below 1.75 on a 4.00 scale is automatically placed on academic probation.

Any student classified as a sophomore, junior, or senior whose Northwest or cumulative grade point average falls below 2.00 is automatically placed on academic probation.

A student on academic probation is limited to 16 academic hours per term. This enrollment restriction will apply as long as the student is on academic probation.

A student on probation who falls further behind (i.e., who does not make at least a 2.00 grade point average for any term) shall be automatically suspended for two consecutive terms. Any student once placed on probation remains on probation until his or her Northwest and cumulative grade point average is at least 2.00.

A suspended student may apply to the Office of Admissions for readmission following the suspension period. Any student who has returned on probation following a period of academic suspension or who has been reinstated by the Student Persistence Committee shall earn at least a 2.00 grade point average each probationary term in order to continue as a student. A second suspension will be for three consecutive terms.

If a student is academically suspended from Northwest or from any other university or college for a total of three times, the student will be dismissed from Northwest. Students must petition the Student Persistence Committee for exceptions to the above policies. Petition forms are available in the Office of the Registrar and online at [www.nwmissouri.edu/registrar](http://www.nwmissouri.edu/registrar).

**Suspension**

A student who enters a term on academic probation and fails to earn a semester GPA of 2.00 or higher will be suspended unless the student has both a Northwest and cumulative (Northwest and transfer) GPA of 2.00 or higher at the end of the term. The following terms and conditions apply:

- A student on probation who falls further behind (i.e., who does not make at least a 2.00 grade point average for any term) shall be automatically suspended for two consecutive terms.
- A second suspension will be for three consecutive terms.
- If a student is academically suspended from Northwest or from any other university or college for a total of three times, the student will be dismissed from Northwest.
- A suspended student may apply to the Office of Admissions for readmission following his or her suspension period. Any student who has returned on probation following a period of academic suspension or who has been reinstated by the Committee on Academic Petitions shall earn at least a 2.00 grade point average each probationary semester in order to continue as a student.
- Students allowed to return on probation will remain on probation until his or her Northwest and cumulative grade point average reaches at least a 2.00.

Students must petition the Student Persistence Committee for exceptions to the above policies. Petition forms are available in the Office of the Registrar and online at [www.nwmissouri.edu/registrar](http://www.nwmissouri.edu/registrar). The decision of the Student Persistence Committee may be appealed to the Assistant Vice President Admissions and Student Success. Appeal Petition forms are available in the Office of the Registrar and online at [www.nwmissouri.edu/registrar](http://www.nwmissouri.edu/registrar).

Academic Success courses are offered to support students on their academic journey at Northwest Missouri State University. Academic Success courses are required for specific student segments but are also available for optional enrollment as capacity permits.

The following populations are required to take the 1-hour courses listed below where an (X) is designated:

	77-150 Academic Success Coaching	77-151 Strategies for Academic Success
*First semester freshmen admitted in the Academic Success Coaching program ( <i>Note: this program was formerly known as the Assist program</i> )	X	
*First semester freshmen earning a 0.0 to a 1.74 GPA in their first semester and placed on academic probation at the end of their first term of enrollment requiring participation in the Academic Recovery program	X	X
*First time transfers admitted on probation requiring participation in the Academic Recovery program	X	X
*Students returning to Northwest on academic probation that did not successfully complete the required Academic Success Coaching/Academic Recovery courses in the term in which they exited the institution	X	X
*Students returning after academic suspension including those readmitted through the Student Persistence Committee or Academic Appeals process	X	X
First semester freshmen students earning a 1.75 to a 1.99 GPA in their first term of enrollment.	X	
First-time transfers who are placed on probation at the end of their first term of enrollment at Northwest	X	

\*Students required to enroll in the Academic Success Coaching program or the Academic Recovery program may be administratively withdrawn for failure to meet program standards or failure to meet program requirements. This is outlined in the administrative withdrawal policy.

Students that meet the following criteria may petition the requirement to enroll in 77-150/151:

- Returning students that left Northwest on probation/suspension but have since completed at least 15 transferable credit hours with at least a 3.0
- Returning students who have been on extended leave from the institution and have gained significant professional experience.

Students that earned an academic credential such as an associate's degree and finished their last two terms in good standing are exempt from required enrollment in 77-150/151.

The Director of Academic Success and Retention will consider and make a determination on all petitions to waive Academic Success requirements. For petition consideration, please email [studentsuccess@nwmissouri.edu](mailto:studentsuccess@nwmissouri.edu) or call 660-562-1726.

**INCO** 77150 Academic Success Coaching and **INCO** 77151 Strategies for Academic Success may be repeated, as needed, but only apply once toward the 120-hour graduation minimum.

**Procedure**