

Academic Standing Policy

This document is the parent policy for any College or Divisional procedures. Questions regarding this policy are to be directed to the identified Policy Administrator.

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Objective

NorQuest College (college) values transparency and accountability in our relationship with learners. This policy offers a framework to provide a consistent approach to determining standards of academic performance for learners, and criteria for learners to continue in their program. It is the responsibility of the College to communicate the requirements and criteria relating to Academic Standing, maintain effective procedures for managing them, and to support learners in meeting these requirements and criteria.

Authority to establish this policy is derived from the [NorQuest College Board of Governor's Policy No. 5](#), which delegates authority to the President and CEO to establish policies and procedures for the college's management and operation.

Policy

NorQuest College (college) is responsible for making information about Academic Standing available to learners, and for ensuring that this information is consistent and reflects the requirements placed on learners. Learners are responsible for monitoring their own status and seeking assistance from the college if required.

NorQuest College defines categories of academic standing based on a student's academic performance. Academic standing is used to determine:

- eligibility to continue in their program of study;
- need to take remedial action; and
- requirement to withdraw due to unsatisfactory academic performance.

Academic Standing is a learner's academic status based on a calculation of Grade Point Average (GPA) at the end of each term and the completion of Pass/Fail (P/F) courses. There are four categories of academic standing: Honours Standing, Good Standing, Academic Warning, and Required to Withdraw. For information on the calculation of GPA, the categories of academic standing, the college's response to a student's academic standing, and appeals processes, please see the Academic Standing Procedure.

Definitions

Academic Standing: The scholastic standing of a student based on the earned Grade Point Average (GPA).

Academic Warning (AW): A term Grade Point Average (GPA) that is less than the program's Graduation GPA or a failed grade (WF or F grade) in a Pass/Fail (P/F) course. If the program does not have a Graduation GPA requirement, Academic Warning applies to a term GPA less than 1.0.

Good Standing: A term Grade Point Average (GPA) of that equal to or higher than the program's Graduation GPA and no failing grade (WF or F grade) in a Pass/Fail (P/F) course. A minimum GPA of 1.0 is required if the program does not have a Graduation GPA requirement.

Grade Point Average (GPA): a measure of a student's weighted average obtained by dividing the total number of grade points earned by the total units of course weight attempted in a defined time frame.

Honours Standing: A term Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.7 or higher and the successful completion of all Pass/Fail (P/F) courses in the term.

Pass/Fail Courses: Some courses are assigned with a P (Pass) or F (Fail) grade only. These courses tend to be where the learning is primarily experiential (e.g., practicum, clinicals, work placement).

Required to Withdraw (RTW): A mandatory withdrawal after two subsequent terms of Academic Warning (AW) decisions or repeated failure (WF or F grades) of the same required Pass/Fail (P/F) course.

Student (for the purposes of this procedure): Any individual admitted to, and enrolled in, any college course(s) or program(s). Another term for student is Learner.

Related information

NorQuest College

- [Academic Standing Procedure](#)
- [Assessment and Grading Policy](#)
- [Assessment and Grading for Credit Courses Procedure](#)

External

N/A

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Revision history

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