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## **Minimum Progression Standards**

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### **Policy**

BOR policy 2:10 addresses Minimum Progression Standards for the SD public universities. It is the policy of Dakota State University to require a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 for all classifications of students for good academic standing. (Also see DSU policy Appeals Process Related to Academic Status, 03-15-00.)

### **Procedure**

Cumulative GPA is based on all college level courses at the 100 level or above transferred or attempted whether at DSU or another accredited post-secondary institution. Grades of A, B, C, D, or F are used for purposes of calculating GPA. Each grade is worth a specific number of honor points: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1 and F=0. The number of honor points earned for each class is computed by multiplying the points given for the letter grade by the hours of credit in the course. The total number of honor points earned is then divided by the total number of credit hours attempted (includes only those classes in which grades of A, B, C, D, or F were earned). The result is the cumulative grade point average. Grades of I, W, AU, CR and NC are excluded from GPA calculations.

Students with cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater are considered to be in good academic standing.

The first term (i.e., fall, spring or summer) that a student's cumulative GPA falls below 2.0, the student is placed on academic probation. If, at the end of the second term, the student's cumulative GPA remains below 2.0 but the term GPA is 2.0 or greater, the student may be continued on probation. If, at the end of the second term, the term GPA is less than 2.0, the student will be placed on academic suspension for a minimum period of two terms. Students on academic suspension

are not allowed to register for any coursework unless their suspension has been reversed by the Student Admissions Committee.

Applications from all students who do not meet regular admissions standards will be reviewed by the Director of Admissions who determines admissibility and sets any special requirements. Students admitted conditionally under this procedure will be given two terms to move to good academic standing. If, at the end of the second term, the student's cumulative GPA remains below 2.0 but the term GPA is above 2.0, the student may be continued on probation. However, if, at the end of the second term, the student's cumulative GPA remains below 2.0 and the term GPA is also below 2.0, the student will be academically suspended.