

# ACADEMIC PROBATION AND DISMISSAL

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## Good Academic Standing

All students not on Academic Probation are considered to be in good academic standing and are eligible to participate in extracurricular activities at Buffalo State. Any Buffalo State student with a cumulative GPA of a 2.0 or above, on Academic Warning, or on Academic Probation is eligible to register for coursework at Buffalo State.

## Academic Warning

Many students go through an adjustment period when beginning their baccalaureate studies at Buffalo State. Therefore, any student—freshman or transfer—whose first-semester GPA is less than 2.0 and who has not met any of the terms for academic dismissal from Buffalo State will be on academic warning in his or her second semester of study at Buffalo State. However, if a student's GPA is less than 2.0 and the student has met one or more of the reasons for academic dismissal from Buffalo State, the student may still be immediately dismissed at the discretion of the college. A student on academic warning has until the completion of the next semester (i.e., spring or fall) to raise the cumulative GPS to 2.0 or higher.

In accordance with Buffalo State's Advisement Policy, students on Academic Warning may be subject to an advisement hold in order to encourage a discussion with the student's academic adviser to help build an effective academic strategy before the student may register for additional coursework at Buffalo State. An extended Academic Warning semester may be granted at the discretion of the college if the student has demonstrated exceptional academic progress during the Academic Warning term. Students on Academic Warning may be ineligible for financial aid based on failure to meet federal and/or state aid eligibility standards. Students on Academic Warning are limited to registering for 15 credits per semester unless special permission to register for additional credits is granted by the academic dean's office.

## Academic Probation

A student is on Academic Probation if the student's cumulative Buffalo State GPA is less than 2.0 following the second semester of study at Buffalo State. However, if a student's GPA is less than 2.0 and the student has met one or more of the reasons for academic dismissal from Buffalo State, the student may be immediately dismissed at

the discretion of the college without a probationary semester. A student on Academic Probation has until the completion of the next semester (i.e., spring or fall) to raise the cumulative GPA to 2.0 or higher.

In accordance with Buffalo State's Advisement Policy, students on Academic Probation may be subject to an advisement hold to encourage discussion with the student's academic adviser and help build an effective academic strategy before the student may register for additional coursework at Buffalo State. Students on Academic Probation may be ineligible for financial aid based on failure to meet federal and/or state aid eligibility standards. Students on Academic Probation are not eligible to participate in extracurricular college activities. Students on Academic Probation are limited to registering for 15 credits per semester unless special permission to register for additional credits is granted by their academic dean's office.

## Academic Dismissal

Students are reviewed for Academic Dismissal at the end of each academic term (fall, spring, and summer).

Each dismissed student will receive official notification via U.S. mail to the student's address of record with the college or the student's Buffalo State e-mail account, and all future academic-year registrations and on-campus housing reservations will be removed. Dismissal appeal guidelines and deadlines are communicated to the student in the dismissal notification sent by the assistant provost for Academic Success and can be found online (<https://academicstandards.buffalostate.edu/academic-standing/>).

Students may be dismissed from Buffalo State for the following reasons:

1. Unsuccessfully completing (i.e., E, F, U, I, N, X, or W) one half or more of a semester's work.
2. Failing to satisfy Academic Warning or Academic Probation requirements.
3. Failing any course for the third time.
4. Failing to complete basic skills requirements (e.g., the Intellectual Foundation's Basic Communication and Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning requirements) by the end of their sophomore year.
5. Determination of an academic misconduct offense.

Students who have been academically dismissed must wait one full year from the time of dismissal before being considered for readmission and/or nonmatriculated enrollment at Buffalo State. A dismissed student may not attend Buffalo State Summer or January-Term Session courses. If readmitted, all coursework taken previously at Buffalo State will be

considered in computing the cumulative average unless the student has opted for Academic Clemency. All prior Buffalo State coursework, including clemency-bearing credits, will be used in calculating the readmitted student's federal and state financial aid eligibility at Buffalo State. Readmission forms are available in the Admissions Office, Moot Hall 110.

### **Academic Eligibility for Financial Aid**

Financial aid guidelines require that to continue to receive financial aid, students must show evidence of making satisfactory academic progress toward a degree. For additional information about financial aid eligibility, refer to the financial aid section of this catalog or see [financialaid.buffalostate.edu](https://financialaid.buffalostate.edu) (<https://financialaid.buffalostate.edu>).

Refer to DOPS Policy I:17:00 (<http://bscintra.buffalostate.edu/dops/policysect1/011700.pdf>).