Academic Standards

Students are responsible for following the curriculum plan for their major, pattern of attendance, and graduation year. Students are responsible for monitoring their own progress through the curriculum by registering for the courses stipulated by their curriculum plan, knowing course prerequisites, regularly checking the degree audit system, and knowing the sanctions for unsatisfactory academic progress. Any exceptions to a student's curriculum plan must be approved by their academic advisor.

College Academic Standards

Professional courses:

**Students must receive a grade of C or better in professional courses.**

Professional courses are required courses taught within the major/college as identified by course subject code: ATHT, CAEP, EXSC, HSCI, HLTH, NRS*, PHMD, PHSC, PHTH, PT, SLPA, TOXC.

Courses in the above-listed subjects that are taken as electives are exempt from the C or better rule and the University’s minimum satisfactory grade will be accepted.

Professional prerequisites:

**Students must receive a grade of C– or better in selected professional prerequisites, as delineated below:**

- Athletic Training: BIOL, CHEM, MATH, PHYS, PHSC
- Health Science: BIOL, CHEM, MATH
- Nursing: BIOL, CHEM, MATH, NRS 5120*; A grade of C or better is required for PSYC 3404
- Pharmacy: BIOL, CHEM, MATH, PHYS
  
  **Pharmacy students must receive a grade of C or better in professional prerequisites beginning in the second year of the curriculum.**

- Physical Therapy: BIOL, CHEM, EXSC, MATH, PHYS, PSYC
  
  **Effective with the fall 2006 entering class, physical therapy students must receive a grade of C or better in professional prerequisites beginning in the second year of the curriculum.**

- Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology: BIOL, MATH, PHYS, PSYC 1101
  
  Courses in the above-listed subjects that are taken as electives are exempt from the C– or better rule and the University’s minimum satisfactory grade will be accepted.

For all other courses:

The University’s minimum passing grade for the course will be accepted. Please note: The University requires a minimum grade of C for ENGL 1111 and ENGL 3306.

*NRSG 5120 - Statistics for Health Science replaced MATH1180 – Statistical Thinking effective 12/2012*
Progression within Bouvé

- First-year students must complete at least 27 semester hours and meet all major prerequisite course requirements in order to progress to sophomore status. First-year students who earn fewer than the semester hours stipulated by the curriculum plan for their major must make up the difference prior to graduation.

- In order to progress into the subsequent year of professional courses, students must have completed all professional prerequisites with a grade of C– or better (except for pharmacy and physical therapy, which require a C in professional prerequisites beginning in the second year).

- In order to progress into the subsequent semester of professional courses, students must have completed all professional courses with a grade of C or better.

- Effective with the fall 2009 entering class, pharmacy students must receive a grade of C or better in professional prerequisites beginning in the second year, have satisfactorily completed all courses in years one and two of the curriculum, and have an overall GPA of 2.700 or better to progress from second- to third-year status. In addition, students must demonstrate good verbal and written communication skills, understanding of the pharmacy profession, and a commitment to patient care, based on criteria set by the Doctor of Pharmacy Program.

- Physical Therapy students, effective with the fall 2010 entering class, must receive a grade of C or better in professional prerequisites beginning in the second year, have satisfactorily completed all courses in years one and two of the curriculum, and have an overall GPA of 2.700 or better to remain in the program. In addition, students must maintain a 3.000 overall GPA during the graduate phase of the DPT program in order to progress and receive their doctorate in Physical Therapy.

- Physical Therapy students, effective for the fall of 2006-2009 entering classes, must receive a grade of C or better in professional prerequisites beginning in the second year and have a 2.700 overall GPA to enter the graduate phase of the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program. Students must maintain a 3.000 overall GPA during the graduate phase of the DPT program in order to progress and graduate with the DPT.

- Students who incur an incomplete grade in a prerequisite course must obtain approval from their academic advisor, upon consultation with the department faculty, prior to progression into the subsequent course(s).

- Students dismissed administratively from the English Language Center are not eligible for the Bouvé program to which they were conditionally admitted.

Criteria for University Academic Probation

Please note: Notation of Academic Probation will appear on internal record but not on permanent transcript.

Students in the Bouvé College of Health Sciences will be placed on academic probation effective the following academic semester for any of the reasons noted below:

First-Year Students:

- Not earning at least 12 semester hours in the second semester of the first year.
• Not maintaining an overall cumulative GPA of at least 1.8 at the end of the two semesters of the first-year curriculum.

_Upper-Year and Transfer Students:_

• Not earning at least 12 semester hours in the semester just completed.
• Not maintaining an overall cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 at the end of each academic semester.

**Academic Dismissal from Major**

_Please note: Students dismissed from their major who are otherwise in good standing with the University are allowed to remain at Northeastern University for up to two semesters as a provisional Bouvé student, by the end of which the student is expected to move into a new major or be accepted back into their original major, otherwise the student may be dismissed from the University._

Students in the Bouvé College of Health Sciences will be dismissed from their major effective the following academic semester for any of the reasons noted below:

• Failure to earn a grade of C or better in 3 professional courses, regardless of remediation. Lecture and clinical/lab components for the same class are considered as one professional course failure.
• Failure to earn the minimum required grade in the same course twice.
• Effective with the fall 2008 entering class for Nursing students, failure to earn a grade of C or better in two professional/clinical courses, regardless of remediation.
• Effective with the fall 2009 entering class for pharmacy students, failure to satisfy academic progression standards.

**Academic Dismissal from University**

Students who remain on probation after two full-term academic semesters may be dismissed from the University. This action may appear on the transcript at the end of the second probationary semester. In addition, students who have below a 1.000 GPA in any semester following their first semester or cumulatively may be dismissed at the discretion of their college. Students may appeal this decision to the Academic Standing Committee of their college. International students should consult with an advisor in the International Student and Scholar Institute to discuss the impact of an academic dismissal as it relates to nonimmigrant visa status.

**Academic Appeals**

Students who believe that they were erroneously, capriciously, or otherwise unfairly treated in an academic or cooperative education decision may petition to appeal the decision. Refer to the Bouvé Undergraduate Student Manual, which details the Bouvé College of Health Sciences Appeals Process, and the Northeastern University Student Handbook, which details the University Undergraduate Student Academic Appeals Procedures.

**Program Policies & Standards**

Students are expected to adhere to the policies and standards of their program major as stated in this Manual to progress through their curriculum as planned. Students seeking any exceptions to the Program Policies and Standards specified for their program major will be brought before the Academic Standing Committee of that program to present their petition.