

Academic Standards

College 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.

Progression within Bouvé

- First-year students must complete at least 27 semester hours and meet all major prerequisite course requirements 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.
- To enter into the first semester of professional courses, students must have completed all professional prerequisites with the required minimum passing grade as noted in the charts listed below for each major. The Pharmacy and Physical Therapy programs have additional requirements to enter the professional phase, which can be found under the academic standards for those majors.
- To progress into the subsequent semester of professional courses, students must have completed all professional courses with a grade of C or better.
- Students who incur an incomplete grade in a prerequisite course must obtain approval from their academic advisor, upon consultation with the department faculty and, when appropriate, the Department Academic Standing Committee prior to progression into the subsequent course(s).

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:

- Students who fail to attain an overall GPA of 1.800 at the end of each semester of their freshman year and/or fail to earn at least 12 semester hours in the semester just completed will be placed on academic probation effective for the following semester.

Upper-Year and Transfer Students:

- Students who fail to attain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.000 at the end of each semester and/or fail to earn at least 12 semester hours in the semester just completed and/or fail to meet the requirements for good academic standing for their major will be placed on academic probation effective for the following semester.

Academic Dismissal from Major

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 three professional courses, regardless of remediation. Lecture and clinical/lab components for the same class are considered as one professional course failure. Within the Physical Therapy program each specific professional course (with separate registration number) will be counted as a separate failure even if content is related.
- For nursing students, failure to earn a grade of C or better in two professional and/or clinical courses, regardless of remediation.
- Failure to earn the minimum required grade in the same course twice.
- For Physical Therapy students, failure to achieve an overall 3.000 GPA at the point of progressing into the professional phase of the program or failure to maintain the required overall 3.000 GPA at any point in the professional phase of the program.
- The Physical Therapy Program monitors and promotes the development of professional behaviors in physical therapy students in order to ensure appropriate professionalism in the classroom, local and global communities and clinical settings. Breach of adherence to these standards may result in dismissal from the program

Notes:

- Please refer to the progression policies listed below for each major for additional requirements.
- Students dismissed from their major but 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. Otherwise, the student will be dismissed from the University.

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 and if applicable the program's 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 petitions.

Academic Standards for Health Science Majors

Minimum passing grade standards exist for both professional courses, which are required courses taught within the major/college, and professional prerequisite courses, as highlighted below:

| Course Type | Subject | Minimum Passing Grade |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Professional | HSCI, HLTH, PHTH | C |
| Professional Prerequisite | BIOL, CHEM, MATH | C- |

Courses in the above listed professional or professional prerequisite subjects that are taken as electives are exempt from the C/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 ENGW 1111 and ENGW 3306.

Academic Standards for Nursing Majors

Minimum passing grade standards exist for both professional courses, which are required courses taught within the major/college, and professional prerequisite courses, as highlighted below:

| Course Type | Subject | Minimum Passing Grade |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Professional | HLTH, HSCI, NRSG, PHSC | C |
| Professional Prerequisite | BIOL, CHEM, MATH | C |
| | PSYC 3404 | C |

Courses in the above listed professional or professional prerequisite subjects that are taken as electives are exempt from the C/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 ENGW 1111 and ENGW 3306.

Nursing Additional Requirements

- Failure to earn a grade of C or better in two professional/clinical courses will result in academic dismissal from the major, regardless of remediation.

Academic Standards for Pharmacy Majors

Minimum passing grade standards exist for both professional courses, which are required courses taught within the major/college, and professional prerequisite courses, as highlighted below:

| Course Type | Subject | Minimum Passing Grade |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Professional | PHMD, PHSC | C |
| Professional Prerequisite | BIOL, CHEM, MATH, PHYS | C |

Courses in the above listed professional or professional prerequisite 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 ENGW 1111 and ENGW 3306.

Pharmacy Additional Requirements

- Pharmacy students must receive a grade of C or better in all professional prerequisites, have satisfactorily completed all courses in years one and two of the curriculum, and have an overall GPA of 3.000 or higher to progress from second-year to third-year status. In addition, students must demonstrate, through a personal interview, 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. In addition, students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.000 or higher during the graduate phase (i.e., final academic year) of the Doctor of Pharmacy program.
- Pharmacy students will be permitted only two (2) changes in year of graduation. Any additional changes to year of graduation will result in the student being dismissed from the program.

Academic Standards for Physical Therapy

Minimum passing grade standards exist for both professional courses, which are required courses taught within the major/college, and professional prerequisite courses, as highlighted below:

| Course Type | Subject | Minimum Passing Grade |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Professional | EXSC, HLTH, PHSC, PT | C |
| Professional Prerequisite | BIOL, PHYS, PSYC | C |

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| | CHEM, MATH | C- |
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Courses in the above listed professional or professional prerequisite subjects that are taken as electives are exempt from the C/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 ENGW 1111 and ENGW 3306.

Physical Therapy Additional Requirements

- Physical Therapy students must receive the minimum passing grade as noted in the chart above for all professional prerequisites, have satisfactorily completed all courses in the pre-professional phase of the curriculum, and have an overall GPA of 3.000 or higher to progress into the professional phase of the Physical Therapy program. To progress into the subsequent academic semester in the professional phase of the Physical Therapy program, students must successfully pass all professional courses (PT, EXSC, HLTH, PHSC), including lecture and lab, with a grade of C or better and have an overall GPA of 3.000 or higher.
- Students who are admitted to the Physical Therapy program in the Fall of 2013 and thereafter will be required to complete a minor or its equivalent prior to entering the professional phase of the program. This requirement is intended to provide students with a robust foundation in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences which is required for successful completion of the doctoral program in Physical Therapy.

Academic Standards for Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology

Minimum passing grade standards exist for both professional courses, which are required courses taught within the major/college, and professional prerequisite courses, as highlighted below:

| Course Type | Subject | Minimum Passing Grade |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Professional | HLTH, SLPA | C |
| Professional Prerequisite | BIOL, MATH, PHYS, PSYC 1101 | C- |

Courses in the above listed professional or professional prerequisite subjects that are taken as electives are exempt from the C/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 ENGW 1111 and ENGW 3306.

Program Requirements

School of Health Professions

The School of Health Professions offers degree programs in Health Science (BS), Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (BS and BS/MS and a BS with a minor in Early Intervention), and Physical Therapy (entry-level DPT).

Health Science Program Requirements

- ◆ First-year students must complete at least 27 SH and meet all major prerequisite course requirements in order to progress to sophomore status.
- ◆ In order to progress into the subsequent years of professional courses, students must complete all professional courses with a grade of C or better and all professional prerequisite course with a grade of C- or better.
- ◆ Students must declare a co-op plan by April 1st of the spring semester of year one.
- ◆ Students must have completed all curriculum requirements through the junior year to enroll in the fall semester of the senior year. Alternate plans need to be approved by the department through a petition submitted to the Health Science Academic Advisor in the Office of Student Services.

Physical Therapy Program Requirements

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- ◆ Physical Therapy students must have an overall GPA of 3.000 or higher and have satisfactorily completed all courses in the first and second years of the curriculum in order to progress into professional phase of the program. In addition, students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.000 or higher during the professional phase of the Doctor of Physical Therapy program. The Doctor of Physical Therapy will only be conferred on students who successfully complete the full 6 (six) years of the curriculum or its equivalent.
- ◆ A student may not repeat or remediate a failed class through a directed study. Students who do not satisfactorily complete a class in the professional phase of the program, are required to repeat the same professional course the next time the course is offered. Directed studies cannot replace a