

# Academic Standards

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## 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 program and academic advisor.

## 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, PPTH	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/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.

### **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 progress into the subsequent year of professional courses, students must have completed all professional prerequisites with the required minimum passing grade as noted in the chart above.
- 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 Health Science Academic Standing Committee prior to progression into the subsequent course(s).

## **Criteria for University Academic Probation**

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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.
- Failure to earn the minimum required grade in the same course twice.

*Note:* 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.

## **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 as stated in the Bouvé Undergraduate Student 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 Health Science Academic Standing Committee to present their petitions.

## 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.

### **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 progress into the subsequent year of professional courses, students must have completed all professional prerequisites with the required minimum passing grade as noted in the chart.
- 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 School of Nursing Academic Standing Committee, prior to progression into the subsequent course(s).

### **Criteria for University Academic Probation**

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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:

- Students who do not meet the required minimum grade in two professional courses will be dismissed from the program. Only one professional course can be remediated.
- Remediation of a failed professional course is a requirement for progression in the program. Students who do not meet the minimum grade in the same course twice will be dismissed from the program. If a student fails a second professional course, dismissal for failure of two professional courses will take effect.

*Note:* 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.

### **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 School of Nursing Academic Standing Committee to present their petitions.

## **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:

<b>Course Type</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Minimum Passing Grade</b>
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.

**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 in order to progress to second year status.
- To progress into the subsequent year of professional courses, students must have completed all professional prerequisites with the required minimum passing grade as noted in the chart above.
- 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 School of Pharmacy Academic Affairs Committee prior to progression into the subsequent course(s).
- 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 the second-year to the first professional year (P1) of the Doctor of Pharmacy program. 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.

**Criteria for University Academic Probation**

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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. Each specific professional course (with separate registration number) will be counted as a separate failure even if the content is related.
- Failure to earn the minimum required grade in the same course twice.
- 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.
- The School of Pharmacy (School) expects all students, faculty, and staff to conduct themselves in a professional manner. The School of Pharmacy has a Code of Professional Conduct (CPC) that applies to all students enrolled in any of the School's academic programs and participants in programs, events and activities affiliated with, sponsored by or sanctioned by the School. In addition, the CPC is applicable to all student nonacademic and extracurricular activities (regardless of whether such activities take place on or off campus) that have had or have the potential to have an adverse impact on Northeastern University, the Bouvé College of Health Sciences, the School, faculty, staff, students, or patients and staff at affiliated experiential education sites, or may affect a students' fitness for continued enrollment in the School or entry into professional practice in pharmacy.

*Note:* 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.

### **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**

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### **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 School of Pharmacy Academic Affairs Committee to present their petitions.

## 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
	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.

### **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 progress into the subsequent year of professional courses, students must have completed all professional prerequisites with the required minimum passing grade as noted in the chart above.
- 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 Physical Therapy Academic Standing Committee prior to progression into the subsequent course(s).
- 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. 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.
- Students in the graduate phase must maintain an overall GPA of 3.000 or higher to continue in the DPT program.
- 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.

- To progress in the program, students must maintain acceptable standards of scholarship and academic performance as stated in the academic requirements section of this catalog. Students must develop appropriate motor skills, professional behaviors, and emotional maturity.

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#### *Upper-Year 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**

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- Failure to earn a grade of C or better in three professional courses, regardless of remediation. 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.
- Failure to earn the minimum required grade in the same course twice.
- Students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.000 or higher during the professional phase of the Doctor of Physical Therapy program.
- Physical Therapist students will be permitted only two (2) changes in year of Doctor of Physical Therapy graduation. Any additional changes to year of graduation will result in the student being dismissed from 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.

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## Program Policies & Standards

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## 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-

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## Progression within Bouvé

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- 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 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Academic Standing committee prior to progression into the subsequent course(s).

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### *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.

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## **Program Policies & Standards**

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