

Amended Standards of Academic Progress Policy

The U.S. Department of Education (USDE) has changed the regulations governing the minimum requirements of student standards of academic progress. In response to these new regulations, NYCC will change its Standards of Academic Progress policy effective the fall 2011 trimester (September 1, 2011). Many of the USDE's new academic performance requirements simply mirror the standards NYCC already had in place. Some of the more significant changes necessary, from what was in the previous policy, were terminology (Notice of Academic Concern vs. Academic Warning) and the quantitative academic measure of "pace" (a student's program completion rate). Pace is now measured on cumulative courses successfully completed since the student began matriculating in their program, rather than the previous policy where it was measured on a single trimester's course completion rate.

Please read the new Standards of Academic Progress policy below. If you have any questions concerning the new policy, and/or how it might impact your future academic standing with the college, please contact the Registrar's office to make an appointment (315) 568-3041.

Notice of Academic Concern

A student will receive a Notice of Academic Concern whenever an academic event occurs, which may lead a student to fall below the minimum standard of academic progress if not corrected. A student receiving a Notice of Academic Concern is in good academic standing and retains all rights, privileges, and financial aid eligibility as a regular student. Some academic events which will automatically prompt a Notice of Academic Concern are:

- a. A grade of F, XF, or WF is earned
- b. Two or more grades of D are earned in one trimester
- c. A term GPA below 2.0 during any trimester of enrollment

Students, whose academic performance reflects any of the above activity, should be aware that their future course scheduling and date of graduation may be impacted.

Standards of Academic Progress

A student must meet the following academic measures in order to remain in good academic standing with the college, and to continue to meet the U.S. Department of Education's eligibility requirements for Federal Student Aid. These measures apply to students matriculating in all NYCC degree programs.

- a. A student must achieve a cumulative GPA of 1.5 or better in their first trimester.
- b. At the end of a student's second trimester of enrollment, and thereafter, a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher must be earned.
- c. Pace of program completion: to ensure a reasonable pace, a student must have successfully completed a minimum percentage of their cumulative attempted credit hours at the end of each term. An earned

course grade of I, F, XF, WF or W is not considered to be successful completion of a course. Any credit hours, from accepted transfer courses, are included in the pace calculation as credit hours earned and attempted.

How the program pace (completion rate) is determined:

Cumulative number of credit hours successfully completed

Cumulative number of attempted credit hours

Required minimum program pace percentages:

35%	during first trimester of enrollment
35%	during second trimester of enrollment
50%	during third trimester of enrollment
67%	during fourth, and all subsequent, trimesters of enrollment

The maximum length of time to complete an academic program is 150% of the program's total credit hours.

Academic Warning

A student in academic warning status has failed to meet the minimum requirements of the college's standards of academic progress, and must meet the minimum standards by the end of the next trimester of enrollment. U.S. Department of Education regulations state that a student in academic warning status may only receive federal student aid for one additional term before being required to meet the standards of academic progress to maintain their eligibility for funds. The student should meet with the director of the Academy for Academic Excellence and Student Success during the trimester to assess academic progress and receive assistance in developing effective learning strategies.

Academic Dismissal

A student is academically dismissed from their program of study if he/she has not met the standards of academic progress within one trimester immediately following a term of academic warning status, or is unsuccessful in their probation appeal attempt.

Probation

A student who has been academically dismissed may appeal to be placed in a probation status. Approval of the probation status allows the student to continue in their program, and reinstates federal financial aid eligibility for one trimester. Appeals will be considered by the college within guidelines set by the U.S. Department of Education (DOE). DOE guidelines stipulate that the student must explain the special circumstance that caused them to fail to meet the minimum standards of academic progress, and the student must also explain what has changed that would now allow the student to regain good academic standing.

Academic Plan

In some circumstances, a student may be placed on an academic plan where stated objectives must be met for the student to get back in good academic standing by a set point in time. Students who have been placed on an academic plan must meet the modified standards of academic progress outlined in the plan, or they will be academically dismissed.