

I. ACADEMIC STANDING POLICY

- A. After each fall and spring semester, the Grade Point Average (GPA) of all students will be reviewed. Those students whose cumulative graduate GPA falls below B (3.0) will be notified of their status as follows:
1. Students will be placed on probation if their graduate cumulative GPA falls below B (3.0) for grades earned in courses numbered 500 and above taken at Stony Brook University.
 2. Students will be returned to regular status if their cumulative GPA has been raised to B (3.0) by the end of the next semester of enrollment after being first notified of probation.
 3. Students may be on probation for a maximum of two semesters.
 4. Students on academic probation who fail to achieve a 3.0 cumulative GPA by the end of the second semester on probation will be dismissed from the Program.
 5. Students who change a registered area of graduate studies may, upon the request of the new degree program, have their record treated as two separate records. The GPA for the new area of graduate studies may be calculated from the beginning of the semester in which the change became effective.
 6. Students enrolled part-time who have accumulated 6 semester credits with a cumulative GPA below 3.0 will have two semesters, or 6 additional credits (whichever comes first), to bring their cumulative GPA to 3.0.
 7. An unreported grade or Incomplete is not used to calculate academic probation status.

II. CORE AND CONCENTRATION COURSES

- A. Students enrolled in the MPH program or any of its combined degree programs must also meet the following additional requirements for satisfactory academic standing:
1. Students must maintain an overall 3.0 average in all the MPH Core Courses. Students may receive a grade less than B- in one course, without being penalized. After earning one course grade less than B-, students will be required to repeat any other courses in which they receive a grade less than B-
 2. All courses in the concentration must receive a grade of B or better.

III. ACADEMIC STANDING PROCEDURES

- A. The Program Director will send a *Notification of Academic Standing* to all students facing academic probation or dismissal. The letter will also contain the procedure for requesting an *Academic Standing Hearing*. The letter must be sent via U.S. mail with return receipt requested, or Federal Express with signature required, or hand delivered. If mailed, the letter will be sent to the student's mailing address indicated in SOLAR.
- B. The *Notification of Academic Standing* will be sent to full-time students at the end of the fall and spring semesters, following the policy outlined above in Section I.

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- C. The *Notification of Academic Standing* will be sent to part-time students after the completion of 6 credits and then the subsequent 6 credits, following the policy outlined above in Section I.
- D. Any appeal of academic standing must follow the Graduate Program in Public Health's *Academic Standing & Dishonesty Appeals Policy*.