



# Achieving Academic Success at Brigham Young University–Idaho

A student's experience at BYU–Idaho will be most fulfilling when he or she succeeds spiritually, socially, and academically. Understanding each of these areas of development and finding an appropriate balance among them will help students achieve all that BYU–Idaho has to offer.

To assist students in succeeding academically, numerous resources are available on campus. Students are encouraged to take advantage of these resources as needed throughout their BYU–Idaho career:

- Department of Academic Learning (2<sup>nd</sup> floor, East Wing of the David O. McKay Library): includes the Reading Center, Study Skills Center, Writing Center, Math Study Center, Tutoring Center, English Translation Center, and Services for Students with Disabilities ([www.byui.edu/AcademicLearning](http://www.byui.edu/AcademicLearning))
- Career and Academic Advising Center and Satellite Advising Centers ([www.byui.edu/advising](http://www.byui.edu/advising))
- Individual faculty advisors

Two measures of students' academic success or progress are Grade Point Average (GPA) and progress percentage in registered courses. Students at BYU–Idaho are making satisfactory academic progress when their cumulative **GPA is 2.0** or above and when they earn progress grades for at least **75 percent** of their credits in a semester. Progress grades range from A to D-. Non-progress grades are F, W (withdrawal), and UW (unofficial withdrawal).

Following are some examples of how progress is calculated:

- 9 credits of A, 4 credits of B, 2 credits of D = 100% progress (15 out of 15 credits)
- 6 credits of C, 6 credits of D, 2 credits of F = 85% progress (12 out of 14 credits)
- 10 credits of B, 6 credits of W = 62% progress (10 out of 16 credits)

Based on the GPA and progress percentage calculations, BYU–Idaho students are classified in one of four academic categories: Satisfactory Standing, Academic Probation, Academic Suspension, or Academic Dismissal.

## **NOTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC STANDING**

Students are notified each semester of their academic standing after mid-term and final grades have posted. Final grades and the placement of Academic Probation or Academic Suspension are typically made available to students by the Thursday following the last day of each semester. To ensure timely dissemination of this information, notification is sent electronically via the student's BYU–Idaho email account. Students are encouraged to check their email accounts as soon as grades are available to determine their current academic standing before making final plans for an upcoming semester, including travel and housing plans – especially if they believe their academic standing might be in jeopardy.

## **IMPORTANT FACTORS AFFECTING ACADEMIC STANDING**

- Every credit counts at BYU–Idaho, primarily due to the sacred nature of the funds provided to BYU–Idaho students. Students can be placed on Academic Probation or Suspension for any semester of enrollment (including a student's first semester or off-track semester), for any type of course (on campus, online, Continuing Education, etc.), and for any number of credits in a semester, even if registered for a single credit.
- Students' academic standing can change from Satisfactory directly to Academic Suspension based on their academic performance. Not every student will first be placed on Academic Probation.
- Students who feel they have extenuating circumstances may petition Academic Suspension. However, Academic Probation may not be petitioned because the students are allowed to continue their enrollment at BYU–Idaho.

## **ACADEMIC PROBATION**

Academic Probation is a warning to students that their academic standing could be in jeopardy. Students will be placed on Academic Probation when their cumulative GPA is between 1.000 and 1.999 or when they fail to earn progress grades for at least 75 percent of their credits in a semester.

Students on Academic Probation are permitted to continue their enrollment at BYU–Idaho. However, continued performance below established academic standards will typically result in Academic Suspension or Dismissal.

## **ACADEMIC SUSPENSION**

Being placed on Academic Suspension is an undesirable situation for any student. In order to avoid Academic Suspension, students are encouraged to understand the circumstances that will cause them to be suspended and what is required of those who have earned it.

Students will be placed on Academic Suspension under any of the following conditions:

1. They earn a GPA below 1.0 during any one semester.
2. They fail to achieve satisfactory progress in 75 percent of their credits in two consecutive semesters.
3. If, while on Academic Probation, they fail to earn a 2.0 GPA during the next semester of enrollment.

Students placed on Academic Suspension are denied the opportunity to enroll in courses at BYU–Idaho, including online or through Continuing Education, for a minimum of 12 months. Suspended students must also earn 12 semester (18 quarter) credits at another university during this time period. Serving a full-time LDS mission after the suspension will also satisfy the suspension requirements.

Students who have their Academic Suspension lifted will be placed on Academic Probation until they have met the established conditions for Satisfactory Standing.

Students who are academically suspended are responsible to drop their classes and arrange for a tuition refund if they have pre-registered and/or paid any tuition for a subsequent semester. Additionally, suspended students may not live in student housing and are responsible for any contracted housing arrangements.

## **ACADEMIC DISMISSAL**

Students who have been academically suspended from BYU–Idaho for a second time may be placed on Academic Dismissal. A student's academic history will be carefully reviewed by the Academic Standards Committee, and school officials may determine that the student has exhausted any opportunity to study and progress academically at BYU–Idaho. If wishing to continue a formal education, the student will need to seek other options.

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

- The BYU–Idaho catalog is the University's official source of information regarding academic programs and requirements, academic policies and processes, and additional services available to students. The catalog can easily be accessed online at [www.byui.edu/catalog](http://www.byui.edu/catalog). Students and other interested parties are encouraged to routinely review the information found in the catalog throughout their BYU–Idaho career.
- The Student Records and Registration website ([www.byui.edu/srr](http://www.byui.edu/srr)) provides a variety of useful academic information, including academic deadlines, petition forms, FERPA links, and withdrawal instructions.
- Questions regarding academic standing may be directed to the Student Records and Registration Office:
  - Email: [registrar@byui.edu](mailto:registrar@byui.edu)
  - Phone: (208) 496-1000
  - Fax: (208) 496-1003
  - Mail: BYU–Idaho, KIM 190, Rexburg, ID 83440-1640