To maintain satisfactory academic standing and eligibility to attend the University, students must meet four standards listed below. These standards are evaluated at the end of each semester. If a student is not meeting any one of these standards, the student is placed on “Academic Warning” for the following semester. A student not meeting a standard by the end of the “Academic Warning” semester will no longer be eligible to attend the University. Students on academic warning are not eligible for Rotating University courses, directed studies, or internships (except when required by department for graduation).

1. Passing Grades

A grade of “NC” requires academic counseling through the Student Success Center. The student is placed on “Academic Warning” for the following semester. A student who receives three NC’s in any two consecutive semesters is ineligible to continue at the University after the semester in which the third NC took place with no additional “Academic Warning” semester. Three NC’s in one semester also leads to ineligibility to continue at the University at the end of that semester. NC grades prior to Spring 2011 semester are not subject to this policy.

2. Grade Point Average

Undergraduates must maintain a 2.0 Grade Point Average, and Graduates must maintain a 3.0 GPA. Repeated courses use only the higher grade. Transfer credits earned at other institutions are excluded from the GPA calculation. Students who fall below the designated level are put on warning for the next semester.

3. Completion Rate

Undergraduate students must complete two thirds of instructional credits attempted, within the current degree (excluding RC and REC courses, but including DC courses). Unattended courses are removed from the student’s record and are therefore excluded. Grades of “W,” “NC,” “NCR,” “NP,” “I,” and “AU” are counted as credits attempted but not completed. Transfer credits are not counted as attempted or completed.

4. Maximum Time Frame

Undergraduate students may attempt a maximum of 150% of the number of credits normally required to complete their program. For example, an undergraduate degree requires 128 credits (including Development of Consciousness credits), so undergraduates may attempt a maximum of 192 credits to complete their program, including transfer credits, double majors, and switching majors. A student who has 174 credits is placed on “Warning” status the following semester.

Appeal, Probation, Loss of Aid Eligibility, and Reinstatement

Appeals to loss of eligibility after the “Academic Warning” semester must be made in writing to the Academic Standards Committee through the Registrar.

Appeals will only be granted to students who can demonstrate that the circumstance leading to their inability to meet any one of these standards was unexpected and beyond their control, and that the problem is not likely to occur again. If the appeal is granted, the student will be placed on “Academic Probation” for the following semester, with eligibility for financial aid, and must meet the standard by the end of that semester. ASC has the ability to specify a longer probation period for students with a specified academic plan to rectify the difficulty, during probation, for example DE students whose course load may take some time to rectify the problem.

Reinstatement may be achieved after all of the four standards have been satisfactorily met. For example, a student may have incomplete grades which when completed may allow the student to meet the applicable deficient standard. Or a former student may earn credit at another institution demonstrating and specifying that the difficulty causing the earlier deficiency has now been rectified.