

This section will update the policy listed on page 19 of the 2017-2018 Elmira College Bulletin

S-D-F Grade Option

Students may elect to take up to 12 credits of work in which the announced grading system is A-F on a S-D-F basis according to the following guidelines:

- A. Such election cannot be taken in courses that apply to the major, minor, Education concentration or specialization, or include Term III travel courses.
- B. Prorations for transfer students will be administered by the Office of the Registrar.
- C. Students electing a S-D-F grade must indicate this option during the last two weeks of classes in a thirteen-week term, during the last eight days of a nine-week term, for a six-week term during the fifth week and for a three-week term during the last three days in the term. S-D-F forms may be picked up in the Office of the Registrar, McGraw Hall, room 113, and must be filed with the Office of the Registrar during the appropriate period. The advisor must sign all S-D-F forms.
- D. The Office of the Registrar will convert the grades for those students electing the S-D-F option.
- E. Satisfactory (S) grades do not affect the GPA (Satisfactory grades represent A through C-). However, credits are awarded towards earned credit hours. D+, D, D-, F and WF grades affect the GPA and no credit is granted for F and WF grades.
- F. Students planning to enter a graduate or professional school are reminded that their admission might be affected by S-D-F coursework.

The option does not affect courses that are currently only offered on a pass-fail basis: e.g. Student Teaching I and II, Career-Related Nursing Practicum, Community Service, and Career-Related Internship.

This section will update the policy listed on page 23 of the 2017-2018 Elmira College Bulletin

Good Academic Standing and Satisfactory Progress

Students are in good academic standing if their cumulative grade point average is 2.000 or better. The Educational Standards Committee reviews the academic performance of all students at the end of Term I and Term III, considering students for academic dismissal, for removal from good academic standing, and for reinstatement to good academic standing.

First-year students will be reviewed at the end of their first term. First-term students who do not achieve a 1.75 will be put on academic probation. Students who achieve between a 1.750 and 1.999 will be given an Academic Warning, and will have until the end of Term III in the same year to raise their cumulative GPA to 1.850 and until the end of Term I of their sophomore year to raise their cumulative GPA to 2.000.

Continuing upper level students and transfer students with sophomore or higher status, achieving a cumulative grade point average less than 2.000 are placed on academic probation. If students raise their cumulative grade point averages to 2.000 or better by the end of either of the next two consecutive terms (excluding summer if so elected by the student), they will be restored to good academic standing. However, students will be reviewed after Term I and Term III of each academic year. Those who do not achieve a 2.000 cumulative grade point average by that time will be considered for dismissal.

Students who do not achieve a 1.500 grade point average at the end of their first term of work at the College will be considered for possible dismissal. Also, students who do or do not meet the minimum standards for good overall academic standing, but whose term grade point average is below a 1.500 for two consecutive terms, will be reviewed by the Committee for possible probation.

Students on academic probation should make every effort to improve their academic performance and should curtail any activity which does not lead to that end. They are ineligible to participate in the following extra-curricular activities: varsity or junior varsity athletics; club sports; service in an elected student government position; as a Resident Assistant or Orientation Leader; representing the student body on a standing committee of the Faculty; or serving in a leadership position in an active student club, in a major theatre production, the *Octagon*, *WECW*, or the *Iris*, unless such participation is part of coursework for academic credit. The student's academic advisor will determine such eligibility in ambiguous cases. The Dean of Student Life is responsible for enforcing this regulation.

The Educational Standards Committee will notify in writing all students who have been dismissed. The Committee will hear appeals made within ten working days of the date the dismissal notifications are issued.

Questions concerning academic probation and dismissal should be directed to Dean Michael Halperin, Registrar and Associate Academic Dean, McGraw Hall, room 113, (607) 735-1895.

Note: Standards for Federal and State student financial aid eligibility, which is discussed on page 209-210, differ from the academic standards described in this section.