

### What are the standards for Satisfactory Academic Progress?

- **Grade-Point Average:** All students must maintain a **cumulative** grade-point average (GPA) of **2.0** or above.
- **Completion Rate:** All students are required to earn a minimum of **67 percent** of cumulative attempted credits. Grades of F, FN, I, NC, W, Z and IP are treated as attempted credits but NOT earned credits and thus negatively impact completion rate. Starting with courses taken in Fall 2021, developmental education credits (those courses numbered below 1000) will be excluded from the calculation of the completion rate.

### I don't understand some of the language in the letter I received. What do these terms mean?

- **Cumulative:** This refers to the total of all the courses that you have taken during your time at Inver Hills.
- **Completion Rate:** The percentage of a student's attempted courses that have been completed. See more information below under "How do I calculate my completion rate?"
- **Good Standing:** To maintain satisfactory academic progress, students must maintain both a cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of 2.0 and a cumulative completion rate of 67 percent. If a student meets both of these standards after a term, the student is in **good standing**.
- **Warning:** If a student who was previously in good standing fails to meet minimum standards for satisfactory academic progress after the next term of enrollment, the student will be placed on **warning** status for one term. A student on warning status is eligible to register for classes and receive financial aid. Students on warning status should talk to an advisor or counselor about planned courses to see how to optimize chances of returning to good standing.
- **Suspension:** If a student on warning status fails to meet minimum standards for satisfactory academic progress at the end of the next term of enrollment, the student will be **suspended**. Suspended students are not eligible to register for classes or receive financial aid without an approved appeal. To learn more about the appeal process, contact your advisor or counselor.
- **Probation:** A suspended student may appeal for enrollment and/or financial aid eligibility. A student with an approved appeal is placed on **probation** status. A student on probation status who fails to meet minimum cumulative requirements for satisfactory academic progress after the next term of enrollment must meet term requirements of 2.5 GPA and 75 percent completion in order to continue probation status and avoid being re-suspended.

## I only took one course this semester. Why am I being placed on warning/suspension?

All Inver Hills students are evaluated for satisfactory academic progress beginning with their first attempted credit.

## I earned excellent grades this semester. Why did I receive a letter about warning/suspension/probation?

Satisfactory academic progress is based on your cumulative completion rate and grade point average. Often, it takes more than one semester of improvement to raise the cumulative grade point average and completion rate above the minimum standards for satisfactory academic progress. Connect with your advisor/counselor before the start of the term to discuss possible courses, credits and resources that can help optimize chances to return to good standing.

## Why am I being punished for my bad grades from years ago?

All Inver Hills courses are considered when evaluating for satisfactory academic progress, regardless of whether older courses will negatively or positively impact the student. Courses don't ever "expire" for the purposes of satisfactory academic progress.

## How do I calculate my completion rate?

The completion rate is calculated by dividing the number of earned credits by the number of attempted credits. You can find this information by logging into e-services and following these steps:

1. Click on *Grades and Transcripts* on the left-hand side
2. Select the most recent term from the drop-down list and click *Get Grades*.
3. Earned Credits and Attempted Credits are displayed in the *Undergraduate Cumulative* row toward the bottom of the page.

Grades such as W (withdrawal), F (failure), FN (failure for non-attendance), and I (incomplete) are counted as credits attempted, but not earned. Starting with courses taken in Fall 2021, developmental education credits (those courses numbered below 1000) will be excluded from the calculation of the completion rate. Courses that are repeated will be counted with each attempt. (Example: 1st attempt of 0 earned/4 attempted + 2nd attempt of 4 earned/4 attempted = 4 earned/8 attempted for repeated course.

The cumulative completion rate includes credits in transfer as noted on their transcript.

## I still have questions. Who can I talk to?

Inver Hills advisors and counselors can answer your questions and help you develop a plan to stay on track toward completing your degree. You can contact the counseling and advising office at (651) 450-3508 or [advising@inverhills.edu](mailto:advising@inverhills.edu), or visit their website at [www.inverhills.edu/help-center/counseling-advising](http://www.inverhills.edu/help-center/counseling-advising).