

Advising Students Admitted on Probation

Understanding why a student is admitted on probation is helpful in the advising process as it related to selecting courses and making appropriate student services referrals.

When is a student admitted on probation?

In order to be admitted to BSU, students need to either be in the upper 50th percentile of their high school class OR have an ACT composite of 21 or higher. When a student falls below these admission guidelines by a very small margin, they may be admitted on probation. Being admitted on probation is considered after talking to the student about college expectations, high school performance, and receiving letters of recommendation from high school teachers and/or counselors. Considering this information in the admission process for at-risk students allows for early referral to appropriate student services.

What does being admitted on probation mean?

Students admitted on probation are required to complete 12 graded credits with at least a 2.00 term GPA their first term of attendance. Students satisfying these criteria after their first term of registration will have their probationary status removed from their academic record.

What happens if a student admitted on probation does not meet the criteria?

Those students falling below the 2.00 term GPA or those who haven't completed 12 graded credits, are subject to the university academic progress guidelines as stated in the 'Academic Progress Policy Statement'. Based on the total number of attempted hours, the following GPA is required:

<u>Semester Hours Attempted*</u>	<u>Minimum GPA Required**</u>
0 – 15	1.50
16-30	1.75
31-60	1.90
61 & above	2.00

*Credits transferred from other institutions as well as credits attempted at BSU (excludes repeated credits).

**Cumulated GPA at Bemidji State University (excludes grades earned at previously attended institutions).

Those students admitted on probation that do not meet the minimum GPA requirement, will be suspended from the university. The recommended period of suspension will be one semester. Students suspended from Bemidji State University who wish to return following the period of suspension must submit a petition to the Records Office. The Student Programs & Admissions (SPA) Committee will review this petition. Readmission will be considered provided that certain conditions regarding academic deficiencies are agreed to in advance and reflected in the subsequent registration.

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Carefully review the student's academic information; particularly discuss their high school grades and activities.

Access factors that inhibit success and make appropriate referrals.

Encourage goal settings and discuss academic strategies.

Stress the importance of on-going communication with their academic advisor.

Review important dates and deadlines, last day to drop classes, pre-registration dates for upcoming term, etc.

More information regarding advising students on probation is available through the Advising Services Homepage. From the BSU homepage, select 'Records & Advising' under the 'Faculty and Staff' button. Next select 'Information for Faculty and Academic Advisors', then 'Advising Students on Academic Probation'.

Direct access: <http://www.bemidjistate.edu/records/advising/AcadProbatHandout.pdf>