

College Operating Procedures (COP)



Procedure Title: Institutional Standards of Academic Progress

Procedure Number: 03-1502

Originating Department: Academic Affairs

Specific Authority:

Board Policy 6Hx6:6.04

Florida Statute 1009.28 and 1009.285

Florida Administrative Code n/a

Procedure Actions: Adopted: 07/24/2009; 02/10/2011; 02/02/2021; 02/14/2025

Purpose Statement: The purpose of maintaining Standards of Academic Progress (SOAP) is to assist Florida SouthWestern State in identifying and providing help to students who are having academic difficulties.

Guidelines:

The Standards of Academic Progress (SOAP) at Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) are designed to support student learning and success, and are not intended to be punitive or discourage academic progress. The intent of SOAP is to inform students who are not making expected academic progress of their academic standing, available resources, and resulting requirements. Depending on their academic standing, students are encouraged or required to meet with a Student Success Advisor to learn about resources that can help promote achievement and degree completion.

Procedures:

SOAP procedures are managed by a committee based on data and best practices. Academic Advising, the Office of the Registrar, and Student Success Advisors enforce the procedures and guidelines.

It is a student's responsibility to know their academic standing. Academic standing is indicated on a student's unofficial transcript.

Standards of Academic Progress

To complete degree and certificate program requirements, students are required to maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or better on a 4.0 scale. When a student is no longer in Good Academic Standing, notification is sent to the student's FSW email. The email notification provides an explanation of the student's academic standing and information on the Academic Warning, Academic Probation, Academic Suspension, or Academic Dismissal process. Please refer to the most recent College Catalog for details outlining the standards of academic progress including the criteria for each academic standing.