

# Dimension Award Scholars Academic Performance Improvement Plan

This plan is for Dimension Award Scholars at Ohio Northern University who are on academic probation, a serious academic status which precedes academic suspension, or who are facing academic challenges. Please take some time to look over the plan, review your study skills and commitment, and decide what changes you plan to make to improve your academic situation.

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Scholar's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID \_\_\_\_\_

Cell/ Local Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Faculty Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

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**Part I:**

**Reflecting upon the \_\_\_\_\_ semester, I realized that I did not achieve academic success due to the following reasons:**

**STUDY SKILLS**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Concentration easily broken
- \_\_\_\_\_ Difficult classes
- \_\_\_\_\_ Difficulty managing time
- \_\_\_\_\_ Too heavy of a course load
- \_\_\_\_\_ Unsure of how to study
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAJOR/ CAREER-RELATED ISSUES**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Difficulty with course in my major
- \_\_\_\_\_ Uncertain of academic/ career goals
- \_\_\_\_\_ Unsure of interests, skills, and abilities
- \_\_\_\_\_ Unsure of major choice
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY/ SOCIAL RELATED ISSUES**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Adjustment to ONU/ USA
- \_\_\_\_\_ Connection with other students
- \_\_\_\_\_ Home or family problems
- \_\_\_\_\_ Housing/ roommate issues
- \_\_\_\_\_ Separation from friends, family, home
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL ISSUES**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Balancing school, work, and/ or family
- \_\_\_\_\_ Financial difficulties
- \_\_\_\_\_ Illness, health problems
- \_\_\_\_\_ Stress and/ or anxiety
- \_\_\_\_\_ Social distractions
- \_\_\_\_\_ Substance abuse
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sadness or loneliness
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Another issue or category that was not listed:

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1. Steps I will take to overcome these obstacles (what I'll do to stay motivated):

**Part I (cont.):**

2. Do you participate in extra-curricular activities (work, volunteer, sports, clubs, organizations, etc.)? How much time do you spend participating?

3. Have you met with your faculty advisor or assistant dean (or representative) this semester? Have you developed a plan of action with your faculty advisor (or representative)? Please describe.

**Part II:**

List the courses you are taking for the current term and the realistic grades you plan to earn in each course:

Course Abbreviation and Number (i.e. BIOL 1101)	Credits	Anticipated Grade
Anticipated GPA:		

**Part III:**

**Initial each line.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and understood the Ohio Northern University academic policies found in the Undergraduate Course Catalog (pgs. 22-23) and on the Registrar's website ([http://www.onu.edu/administration/registrar\\_office/faq](http://www.onu.edu/administration/registrar_office/faq)).

\_\_\_\_\_ Earn a semester grade point average of \_\_\_\_\_ while enrolled in \_\_\_\_\_ credit hours in order to achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or above.  
I understand that my major may require a different GPA in order to be in good standing.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and understood the Ohio Northern University's Satisfactory Academic Progress policy ([http://www.onu.edu/admissions/financial\\_aid/policies\\_and\\_faqs/satisfactory\\_academicprogress\\_policy](http://www.onu.edu/admissions/financial_aid/policies_and_faqs/satisfactory_academicprogress_policy)), and I understand that my continued or potential academic status may result in a loss of financial aid/ scholarships.

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**Part IV:**

**To increase your chances of achieving good academic standing you should follow these suggestions:**

*Please initial that you understand.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Schedule an appointment to see your faculty advisor immediately to discuss your situation. Speak with your advisor to assist in creating an academic improvement plan to help you regain good academic standing.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Attend all scheduled classes regularly. If you absolutely must miss class, notify the professor and make up any missed work as soon as possible to avoid falling behind. *National research clearly states "lack of attendance" as the top reason why students are unsuccessful in college.*
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Do **not** be tardy to class.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Become familiar with and utilize campus resources --- *tutoring, career and personal counseling, study skills enhancement activities, etc.* --- that may be of use to you in attaining academic success.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Learn to study more effectively and manage your time more wisely. *Contact the Counseling Center for more information.*
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Review and read your **ONU** e-mail on a daily basis.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Communicate on a regular basis with your course instructors to receive accurate measurement of your academic progress in each class. You should also track your own grades to ensure that you are meeting your prescribed academic goals.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Report any extenuating circumstances to your faculty advisor if you anticipate that it might prevent you from achieving good academic standing at the end of the semester.

By signing below, I agree to comply with the aforementioned suggestions and accept full responsibility for my academic success. I also understand that failure on my part to achieve the required semester GPA may result in suspension or dismissal from ONU.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Scholar's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
OMD Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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\* Advisor notes on next page

**Notes:**

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