I. PURPOSE

The main purpose for the Standards of Academic Progress (SOAP) Procedure is to establish a formal process through which the faculty, staff, and administration at Miami Dade College may identify and provide support to students who experience academic difficulty and fall below a Combined Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 (Calculated from the combined graded units for GPA). The combined Cumulative GPA includes computation of grades for both MDC and posted transfer courses. Good Academic Standing is defined as 2.0 or higher for the Combined Cumulative GPA.

SOAP is not intended to discourage or penalize students. Rather, SOAP reflects the commitment of the College’s faculty, staff, and administration to provide students with assistance and support to ensure success in achieving their educational goals. Students have available to them a variety of means to remedy their cognitive and non-cognitive challenges and to be academically successful.

When academic progress has not been satisfactory, SOAP requires students to meet with an academic and career advisor to develop an academic improvement plan and discuss support services that may assist them in achieving good academic standing.

Students who are not in Good Academic Standing are ineligible to run for executive board positions in student organizations unless special permission is granted by the Dean of Students at their home campus.

The overall objective of SOAP is to improve the performance of students experiencing academic difficulty by connecting them to academic and student support services.
II. PROCEDURE

A. Categories for Standards of Academic Progress

**Academic Warning:** from 8 up to 16.99 combined graded units for GPA with less than a 2.0 for the Combined Cumulative GPA

**Academic Probation:** from 17 up to 45.99 combined graded units for GPA with less than a 2.0 for the Combined Cumulative GPA

**Academic Suspension Alert:** 46 or more combined graded units for GPA less than a 2.0 for the Combined Cumulative GPA and previously in Good Academic Standing

**Academic Suspension 1:** from 30 up to 45.99 combined graded units for GPA with less than 1.5 for the Combined Cumulative GPA and previously **not** in Good Academic Standing

**Academic Suspension 2:** 46 or more combined graded units for GPA with less than a 2.0 for the Combined Cumulative GPA and previously **not** in Good Academic Standing

**Extended Academic Probation:** 30 or more combined graded units for GPA and previously on Academic Suspension or Dismissal with a Term GPA of a 2.0 or higher and have successfully appealed Academic Suspension/Dismissal or who have met the time conditions for Academic Suspension or petition for readmission after Academic Dismissal

**Academic Dismissal:** 30 or more combined graded units for GPA and fail to meet the minimum requirements of maintaining a Term GPA of 2.0 or higher during Extended Academic Probation after being on Academic Suspension or Dismissal

B. Interventions for each Category of Standard of Academic Progress (SOAP)

1. **Academic Warning:** Students must meet with an academic and career advisor prior to enrolling in courses to develop an academic improvement plan which may include referrals to academic support/tutoring and/or student support services, career advising, learning style assessment, and/or enrollment in a Student Life Skills (SLS) course. Students may also be required to reduce their course load.

2. **Academic Probation:** Students must meet with an academic and career advisor prior to enrolling in courses to develop an academic improvement plan which may include referrals to academic support/tutoring and/or student support services, career advising, learning style assessment, and/or enrollment in a Student Life Skills (SLS) course. Students may also be required to reduce their course load.

3. **Academic Suspension Alert:** Students must meet with an academic and career advisor prior to enrolling in courses to develop an academic improvement plan which may include referrals to academic support/tutoring and/or student support services, career advising, learning style assessment, and/or enrollment in a Student Life Skills (SLS) course. Students may also be required to reduce their course load.
4. **Academic Suspension 1 or 2:** Students are required to pause enrollment in credit courses at the College for the next term (fall, spring, or summer).

5. **Extended Academic Probation:** Students may continue enrollment in credit courses at the College under the category of Extended Academic Probation, provided that they maintain a Term GPA of 2.0 or higher. Students must meet with an academic and career advisor prior to enrolling in courses to develop an academic improvement plan which may include referrals to academic support/tutoring and/or student support services, career advising, learning style assessment, and/or enrollment in a Student Life Skills (SLS) course. Students may also be required to reduce their course load.

6. **Academic Dismissal:** Students on Academic Dismissal are required to discontinue enrollment in credit courses at the College for at least twelve months. After the twelve-month dismissal period, students are required to meet with the Dean of Students or designee at their home campus to petition for re-admission.

C. **Guidelines for Appeal of Standards of Academic Progress**

Students may appeal if on academic suspension or dismissal according to the MDC Procedure 4015 Guidelines for Appeal of the Standards of Academic Progress. In order for the appeal to be considered, students must present evidence/supporting documentation that reflects a change in their situation and supports their academic success.

Students who are on **Academic Suspension** are eligible to submit an appeal to the Director of Advisement or designee at their home campus for consideration of continued enrollment. Students who have not successfully appealed an Academic Suspension may appeal the decision to the Dean of Students or designee at their home campus.

Students who are on **Academic Dismissal** may submit an appeal to the Dean of Students or designee at their home campus for consideration of re-enrollment prior to the conclusion of the twelve-month dismissal period. Students may submit an appeal once and must pause enrollment in credit courses for at least one term prior to submitting the appeal.

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