Academic standing indicates your current progress toward completion of your program.

The purpose of specifying your academic standing is to alert you and your Program Office as early as possible to any problem that may prevent you graduating in minimum time or in more extreme cases may prevent you graduating at all.

Academic standing is only calculated for undergraduates and postgraduates. It is not calculated for research and non-award students.

Note: UNSW Canberra students

UNSW Canberra (ADFA) students, please contact Student Administration by phone on 02 6268 6000 for details of academic standing processes.

Your academic standing

How and when academic standing is determined

UNSW calculates your academic standing at the end of Semester 1 and Semester 2. Results obtained in Summer Term will be included in the calculation of your academic standing for Semester 1. Academic standing is calculated at the career level (i.e. undergraduate/postgraduate), not at the program level.

Your academic standing is determined by two factors:

- Your academic standing at the end of the previous standard 12-week semester, and
- Your academic achievement in the current standard 12-week semester.

Read here how withheld grades are treated differently in Semesters 1 and 2

Undergrad students
For undergraduates, academic standing is calculated based on:

- The proportion of load passed,
- Together with your academic standing at the end of the previous semester.

Postgrad students

For postgraduates, academic standing is calculated based on the cumulative number of failures.

Research and non-award students

Academic standing is not calculated for research and non-award students.

View your academic standing

Your standing is displayed with your results in myUNSW.

The Results Summary screen in myUNSW allows you to view your results and academic standing for a given semester.

During the assessment period, the Results Summary screen will only permit you to view results for the most recently completed semester. At other times, you will be able to view your results for a maximum of 5 semesters by selecting a semester from the drop-down list in the top right-hand corner of the screen, then clicking Go.

Your term statistics and academic standing will only be available once all results for the semester within the term have been released.

What the different levels of academic standing mean

Academic standing has many levels. All students start with GOOD standing, but continued poor progress can lead to other standing levels being assigned, each with its own implications for your progress toward completion of your program.

If your academic standing is anything other than GOOD, see the appropriate academic standing levels page and follow the guidelines given for:

- Undergraduate academic standing levels
- Postgraduate academic standing levels

Support and how to appeal

The purpose of specifying your academic standing is to alert you and your Program Office as early as possible to any problem that may negatively impact your progress. The following pages provide support in relation to the appeals process (for Suspension and Exclusion levels only) and improving your academic standing:

Academic advising

A number of support services can provide you with assistance in relation to your academic standing. With early intervention by an Academic Advisor, the more serious consequences of continued poor performance may be prevented.

How to appeal
Find out how you can appeal against Suspension or Exclusion.