

Academic Suspension Appeal Instructions

A graduate student who would like to appeal their suspension, will need to provide:

- 1) Explanation of the factors that resulted in your suspension, including reasons that impacted your GPA with any supporting documentation that you would like taken into consideration. Your explanation should also include things that have or will have changed to help you be academically successful.
- 2) Plan of Action. This plan should include all courses that you will be enrolled in if the Plan is approved. This will include new and repeated courses.

Please note:

- A Plan of Action can only be considered if the program/department are willing to support the Plan.
- A Plan of Action is used for students who show good potential in completing their degree but have not meet the academic requirements and have been placed on academic suspension.
- A Plan of Action is an agreement identifying the specific academic expectations of the progress needed for a student to regain 'good academic' standing. This plan should include the GPA requirements along with any other expectations regarding academic progress of the student.
- A Plan of Action 'draft' is encouraged to be sent to donnan@montana.edu in The Graduate School before gathering the required signatures.
- If a Plan of Action is agreed upon by the student, department head, academic advisor and The Graduate School, the student's academic standing will be switched to 'suspension-reinstated' for the next semester.
- A Student approved on a Plan of Action will need to obtain a term GPA of 3.00 to continue in their program. Good academic standing requires a student's cumulative GPA to be at least 3.00.
- According to the Collective Bargaining Agreement, a graduate student "must be in good academic standing". If it would be in the student's best interest to be appointed, a case may be made to The Graduate School by the department before the first day of the term. Approval of an appointment is not guaranteed.

Contact Information – Please contact Donna Negaard at donnan@montana.edu or schedule an appointment using this link: <https://montana.campus.eab.com/pal/t6Qa-ANo0z> with any questions or concerns.