

STUDENT PROGRESSION AND AT RISK PROCEDURE

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Relevant legislation or external requirements	<p>National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018 (National Code) (NC: 2.1.8, 3.3, 6, 7.2, 8, 9, 10)</p> <p>Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2021 (HESFs: 1.3, 2.2.1-3, 3.2.1, 3.2.5, 3.3.4, 5.2.2, 5.2.3, 5.3.3, 5.3.4, 5.3.7, 7.2.2(d), 7.2.3)</p> <p>Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Act 2011 (TEQSA Act) Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 (Cth) (ESOS Act) Education Services for Overseas Students Regulations 2019 (Cth) (ESOS Regulations)</p>
Related ASA Documents	<p>Quality Assurance Framework Student Support Framework Student Support, Wellbeing and Health Policy and Procedure Privacy Policy Student Code of Conduct Student Grievance Policy Student Grievance Procedure Student Progression and At Risk Procedure Deferral, Suspension, and Cancellation Policy and Procedure Student Enrolment and Attendance Policy and Procedure Student Assessment Policy Student Assessment Procedure Special Consideration Policy and Procedure Academic Integrity Policy Student Admissions Policy Student Admissions Procedure Overseas Student Orientation Policy</p>

1. Purpose

This procedure describes clear and timely procedures for identifying, monitoring, and supporting student progression at Australian School of Accounting (**ASA**). It also states the grounds for ASA to cancel a student's course enrolment for unsatisfactory course progression or breaches in the *Student Code of Conduct*.

2. Scope

This Policy applies to all ASA applicants, students, and staff who support these processes.

3. Prior to Acceptance

All applicants will have access to ASA's standards for satisfactory course progress and attendance requirements prior to the acceptance of a Letter of Offer (**LoO**) through the following publicly available documents:

- *Student Code of Conduct*
- *Deferral, Suspension, and Cancellation Policy and Procedure*
- *Student Enrolment and Attendance Policy and Procedure*
- *Student Support, Wellbeing, and Health Policy and Procedure*

Additional conditions may be specified in an applicant's LoO as prescribed by the *Student Admissions Policy* and associated procedure.

All applicants must ensure they understand the terms and conditions of their enrolment by carefully reviewing all documentation prior to accepting an offer from ASA.

4. Monitoring

ASA will monitor key indicators of student performance as well as student attendance to assist in the targeted and timely intervention and support for students who are 'At Risk' of not meeting course progression or attendance requirements.

4.1 Orientation

During Orientation, the requirements for satisfactory course progression, as well as the support and intervention strategies provided by ASA will be outlined and discussed. Students will be introduced to key staff members and appropriate avenues to seek support. Students may also refer the *Student Handbook* and the *Student Support Framework*.

4.2 Proactive monitoring

ASA staff proactively monitor student engagement and performance in formal academic activities to provide informed advice and timely referral to academic or other support that students may require. Proactive monitoring includes monitoring of:

- student attendance
- performance in formative assessment
- qualitative assessment of engagement / participation

ASA will apply intervention strategies to support students who are identified as 'At Risk' of not making satisfactory course progression during the study period based on the above criteria after one and two weeks of unit enrolment.

4.3 Early intervention

The Academic Dean, or delegate, will counsel students who have been identified as being at risk of unsatisfactory course progress and offer support for student success prior to the conclusion of the study period. All early intervention strategies will be recorded in the SMS and may include, but are not limited to:

- contact from the lecturer or Student Services team
- receiving mentoring from a lecturer;
- meetings with the Wellbeing Officer;
- receiving study help from a peer mentor;
- attending additional classes;
- attending targeted academic skills workshops; and/or
- referral for academic or non-academic support.

All ASA students are able to contact their lecturers or the Academic Dean at any time during their enrolment at ASA to seek individual assistance with their studies.

4.4 End of Quarter

At the conclusion of each study period, the Academic Dean, or delegate, will consider the results approved by the Board of Examiners and determine whether each student has made satisfactory course progress.

Students who have not achieved satisfactory course progress will be supported through a number of intervention strategies.

5. Intervention for Unsatisfactory Course Progression

Each student must meet the minimum academic performance standards set out in the *Student Progression and At Risk Policy*.

Students who are determined to have failed to make satisfactory course progress will be notified in writing and contacted to discuss their academic performance and individual needs with the Academic Dean, or delegate.

The student's history of academic engagement and performance and any other relevant matters such as special consideration requests, assessment review requests, or wellbeing matters may be considered to seek the best manner in which to support the student to achieve success in future study periods. Student information will be treated in a confidential manner and in line with the *Privacy Policy* and relevant legislation.

Students who have made unsatisfactory course progress for the first time may have one or more of the following intervention strategies applied:

- contact from the lecturer or Student Services team;
- issuing of a learning contract;
- receiving mentoring from a lecturer; and/or
- meetings with the Wellbeing Officer;
- receiving study help from a peer mentor;
- attending additional classes;
- attending targeted academic skills workshops; or
- referral for academic or non-academic support.

Students who are issued a learning contract will have their conditions (e.g. mandatory attendance thresholds, baseline grades in a subject etc.) formally sent to them via soft copy email, and their contract stored on their student profile.

Students who do not meet minimum academic standards may be issued with a letter outlining additional conditions on their enrolment or a notice that ASA intends to cancel the student for unsatisfactory course progression.

6. Cancellation of Enrolment

A student may have their course enrolment cancelled by ASA for unsatisfactory course progression if they:

- Fail 50% or more of the enrolled units in two consecutive quarters with some or all assessments attempted.

- Fail 50% or more of the enrolled units in a quarter without attending any classes and/or attempting any assessments.
- Fail one or more core unit(s) twice; or
- Are not able to complete their course within five (5) years of commencement.

ASA may seek to cancel a student's course enrolment for unsatisfactory course progression according to terms and processes indicated in the *Deferral, Suspension, and Cancellation Policy and Procedure*.

6.1 Exclusion and International Students

If ASA determines that an international student has breached course progress or attendance requirements and intends to cancel the student's course enrolment, ASA will give the international student a written notice which:

- notifies the student that ASA intends to report the student for unsatisfactory course progress; and
- informs the student of the reasons for the intention to report, and
- advises the student of their right to access ASA's complaints and appeals process within 20 working days.
- Additionally, the student will have the opportunity, to sign a learning contract, which stipulates the conditions for their continued enrolment.

ASA will only report unsatisfactory course progress in PRISMS in accordance with section 19(2) of the ESOS Act if:

- the internal and external complaints processes have been completed and the decision or recommendation supports ASA; or
- the international student has chosen not to access the internal complaints and appeals process within the 20 working-day period; or
- the international student has chosen not to access the external complaints and appeals process; or
- the international student withdraws from the internal or external appeals processes by notifying ASA in writing.

ASA may cancel course enrolment prior to the completion of the internal appeals process if the student's health or wellbeing, or the wellbeing of others, is likely to be at risk.

7. Student Wellbeing

Students may have personal circumstances affecting their wellbeing, which may be the cause of their unsatisfactory course progression. If students are facing wellness challenges, they can be referred to the Wellbeing Officer or Learning Support Hub Staff for assessment of the support they require. For more information regarding Student Support refer to the Student Support, Wellbeing and Health Policy and Procedure.

8. Roles and Responsibilities

8.1 Academic Dean

The Academic Dean has an extensive role description that indicate the scope of their responsibilities. Some of these responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Monitoring student retention, progression, and completion.
- Ensuring that attendance and assessment data is accurate and up to date in the Learning Management System.
- Ensuring that academic delivery is of high quality and that the learning environment is appropriately resourced or requesting additional resourcing.
- Ensuring that appropriate academic support is available to students and that intervention strategies are appropriately applied.
- Ensuring that reports to the Board of Examiners carefully analyse student performance and underlying causes of trends for each Quarter.
- Reporting to the Academic Board on rates of retention, progression, and completion of student cohorts and what support has been made available or supplied to support student success.

8.2 Academic staff

Academic staff have varied role descriptions that indicate the scope of their responsibilities. Some of these responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following responsibilities:

- Ensuring academic delivery is of high quality, and supports student acquisition of unit learning outcomes and student learning.
- Monitoring student attendance and engagement in formal academic activities.
- Recording attendance and assessment data accurately and within specified timeframes in the Learning Management System.
- Providing clear feedback and support to students during formal academic activities and being accessible to students outside of formal times within reasonable limits.
- Recommending or making improvements to academic material and reporting any factors impeding student success promptly to their Course Coordinator and Academic Dean.

8.3 Director Student Experience

The Director Student Experience has an extensive role description that indicate the scope of their responsibilities. Some of these responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Ensuring that applicants are clearly informed of the terms and conditions of their Letter of Offer (LoO).
- Ensuring that student orientation sessions are of high quality and that all students are aware of the facilities and services available to them, including the grievance process.
- Ensuring that student data is accurate and up to date in the Student Management System.
- Ensuring that students receive appropriate advice and accurate information on ASA matters in a timely fashion and in response to any enquiries of the Student Services team.
- Ensuring that reports to the Board of Examiners carefully analyse student performance and underlying causes of trends for each Quarter.
- Reporting to the Board of Directors on key non-academic indicators, such as requests, complaints, appeals, and critical incidents and key student cohort data such as retention and completion metrics.

8.4 Admissions Manager

The Admissions Manager has a role description that indicate the scope of their responsibilities. Some of these responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following responsibilities:

- Ensuring that student data is accurate and up to date in PRISMS and course enrolment information accurately recorded in the Student Management System.
- Ensuring that students receive appropriate advice and accurate information on ASA matters in a timely fashion and in response to any enquiries of the Admissions team.

8.5 Student Services staff

Student Services staff have role descriptions that indicate the scope of their responsibilities. Some of these responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following responsibilities:

- Assisting with student orientation sessions.
- Communicate appropriate advice and accurate information on ASA matters in a timely fashion and in response to any enquiries of the Student Services team.
- Recording student data accurately and as required in the Student Management System.
- Refer students to a manager or external agency as appropriate for non-ASA enquiries.

8.6 Wellbeing Officer

The Wellbeing Officer has a role description that indicate the scope of their responsibilities. Some of these responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Counsel students appropriately and within the scope of their expertise.
- Recording student data accurately and as required in the Student Management System, whilst abiding by the *Privacy Policy* and confidentiality requirements.
- Refer students to a manager or external agency as appropriate.

8.7 Academic Board

The Academic Board has extensive responsibilities that are indicated within the *Governance Charter*. ASA staff present relevant data and analytical reports to support the Academic Board's oversight. Some of these responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Oversee and monitor the achievement of institutional benchmarks for academic quality and student outcomes including student retention, progression, and completion rates.
- Oversee mechanisms for ongoing quality assurance, effective learning and teaching, and improvement of learning and teaching.
- Monitor the effectiveness of the learning resources and educational support provided and provide reports to the Board of Directors where further resourcing is required.

9. Version Control

This Procedure has been reviewed and approved by the Australian School of Accounting Academic Board as at February 2024 and is reviewed every three years.

The Procedure, with associated policy, are published and available on the Australian School of Accounting website <https://www.asahe.edu.au/policies-and-forms/>.

Change and Version Control				
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