

MEMORANDUM

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TO: School of Kinesiology and Health Science Council

FROM: Nicolette Richardson, Undergraduate Program Director, School of Kinesiology and Health Science

DATE: Wednesday January 25, 2023

RE: Addition of Statement to Academic Calendar: Clarification of Honours program continuation of studies and ineligibility to proceed

The School of Kinesiology and Health Science is requesting an addition to the academic calendar *to clarify current practices* for Honours students who are unable to maintain Honours requirements while in the BA and BSc programs. This addition to the Kinesiology and Health Science Undergraduate Academic calendar would be **effective September 2023**, for new and continuing KHS students.

The addition to the calendar describes the current practice in the School (refer to Appendix):

Program Continuation Requirement: *Students must maintain the honours progression grade point average requirement to continue in the Kinesiology and Health Science program. Students who fail to meet the requirement will be exited from the program.*

In addition, the following would be added under Faculty Rules, Academic Penalties (as the information regarding program continuation is also found there):

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Rationale:

Through discussions with students, advisors, and faculty members, it was deemed that the existing calendar copy does not offer sufficient clarity and transparency for those students who do not meet Honours Progression requirements in the Kinesiology and Health Science degrees. Therefore, the purpose of this addition is *not to introduce a new practice or requirement*, but to ensure clear communication with students on current progression requirements.

This addition is based on existing language used by the School of Nursing, which has similar criteria for continuing students in an Honours program, and for students who are ineligible to proceed in Honours according to York University criteria.

Students in the School of Kinesiology and Health Science will continue to receive reminders as they always have, about GPA requirements for continuation in their programs, and the petitions process where appropriate (this too has been made more transparent in the added calendar sections). Students whose GPAs fall below the required Honours criteria, but still have a cGPA above 4.00, will continue to be advised to submit a change of program request form so they can continue their studies in another program when they are exited from Kinesiology and Health Science.

Appendix: Addition to Current Calendar Copy

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| Please note that only those fields applicable to the relevant program need to be completed. | |
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Required Withdrawal

Students whose academic record shows marked weakness may be required to withdraw from their studies for one year, during which they are encouraged to identify and remedy any problems which may have contributed materially to their failure to perform up to their potential and to reflect on their reasons for pursuing a university education. The following regulations apply to required withdrawals.

Grade point average below 2.50: Students whose cumulative grade point average on at least 24 York credits is below 2.50 must withdraw for 12 months.

Grade point average below 4.00 and equal to or greater than 2.50: Students who have received an academic warning for a cumulative grade point average below 4.00 must achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 4.00 within their next 24 credits taken or earn a sessional grade point average of at least 5.00 in the session in which that 24th credit is completed and in each subsequent session until the cumulative grade point average reaches 4.00; otherwise, they must withdraw for 12 months. Should the student's cumulative grade point average fall below 2.50 at any time after

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Petition to continue without interruption:

Students who have been required to withdraw may submit a petition to the Faculty of Health Petitions Committee requesting permission to continue their studies without interruption. Students granted such a petition will be allowed to continue their studies on debarment warning.

Reactivation after required withdrawal:

Students who have been required to withdraw must apply for reactivation after the requisite period of absence by submitting a request online at the Reactivation Web page (registrar.yorku.ca/enrol/reactivate). Students who return to their studies after such a required withdrawal (as well as those who have been allowed to continue their studies by virtue of a petition to the Faculty of Health Petitions Committee) receive a debarment warning.

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