

Suspended from UNM? Would you like a Second Chance?

You are now at a crossroads in your academic career. Your classes have not gone well for at least two semesters in a row and you are about to be suspended.

What can you do about it??????

- ➔ Give up
- ➔ Take a semester off and hope that things will somehow be better when you return to UNM

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- ➔ Use this situation as an opportunity to make a **meaningful** change in your academic life.

University College Second Chance Program

The Advisement Center at University College would like to help you begin a new approach to academic success through your participation in the Second Chance Program. The Second Chance Program is a newly created initiative designed to give students like you an opportunity to redirect their academic lives. This program allows students who normally would be suspended for at least one semester to continue to attend UNM under conditions that encourage them to cultivate a new personalized program for academic achievement. The Second Chance Program has strict eligibility requirements and very specific expectations for its student participants (see below).

In the past year, over 50% of the students in the program have successfully returned to good academic standing. More importantly, they have begun to develop a set of personal and academic skills that will be instrumental to their future success.

The UC suspension committee has concluded that you have the potential to be a successful student at UNM. We believe that you would benefit by participation in the Second Chance Program. This program is not merely an opportunity to take more classes without "sitting out" a suspension period. Your present academic difficulty reflects a pattern of difficulty over at least two semesters. Continuation of this pattern will most likely produce the same results.

The Second Chance Program gives you the opportunity to make meaningful changes in your approach to classes and career while improving your academic standing. This requires your active participation and cooperation with all phases of the program. A major goal of the Second Chance Program is for you (and your advisor) to identify the origins of your academic difficulties. Once this is accomplished, a long-term plan for academic success can be built in cooperation with your advisor.

Eligibility requirements for the 2nd Chance Program

1. Must be recommended by the suspension committee (should be noted in your suspension letter).
2. Must apply and complete a self-assessment before your initial visit with an advisor (see attached).

3. Must enroll for no more than 2 academic courses in the next semester. The courses must be repeat courses for grade replacement.

Student Responsibilities

1. You must commit to your academic career by placing it at the top of your priorities.
2. You must develop a plan of action for a successful semester with the help of your advisor
3. You must participate fully in the program by signing and living up to a student contract implementing the plan of action.
4. You must have consistent and timely contact with your advisor.
5. You must process any and all requested paper work in a prompt manner.

University College Advisor Responsibilities

1. The UC Advisor will provide you with accurate and timely advice about your schedule.
2. The UC Advisor will help you monitor your progress in classes during the semester.
3. The UC Advisor will make referrals to supplemental programs appropriate for your situation and needs.
4. The UC Advisor will help you formulate an overall academic program that fits your career aspirations.

SECOND CHANCE APPLICATION

Please carefully consider and thoughtfully answer the questions below. This will help an advisor begin to devise an individualized program for success with you.

You must complete this assessment before meeting with a University College Advisor.

Student Name: _____ Banner #: _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail: _____

A. What may be the factors that contributed to your academic difficulties?

- Lack of interest in courses
- Too many classes to handle
- Classes and work interfered with each other
- Personal difficulties
- Didn't have the prerequisites for classes
- Couldn't make it to class on time
- Poor test-taking skills
- Poor study habits
- No out of class contact (office hours, help sessions) with faculty or TAs
- Lack of discipline (too much partying etc.)
- Problems with professors

B. What types of classes may present the largest problems for you?

- Math Classes
- Classes requiring some math
- Classes requiring extensive reading
- Large lecture classes
- Laboratory classes
- Early morning classes
- Classes requiring extensive writing
- Classes requiring oral presentations
- Classes with a lot of homework
- Classes whose grade was based only on tests (no homework or quizzes)
- Classes taught largely by TAs

C. What can you change in the coming semester that would improve your academics?

Please Attach a 2 Paragraph Essay

D. Which Courses have you failed?

E. Which courses would you feel comfortable repeating?

F. Other activities that might help you succeed?

- Tutoring
- Joining a student study groups
- Attending seminars on personal management skills
- Finding an upper-class mentor
- Other:

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____