Academic Regulations

Students in the Diederich College of Communication are expected to comply with the academic requirements and regulations listed in the university section (https://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/academicregulations/) of this bulletin and must fulfill the graduation requirements stated in the bulletin issued the year they entered Marquette.

Students who interrupt their enrollment from the university, normally follow the degree requirements in the bulletin in effect during the academic year of their readmission. Policies and regulations that are in effect at the time of return apply to all students, regardless of the term of initial enrollment.

Academic Dishonesty

The college adheres to the University Academic Integrity Policy (https://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/academicregulations/#academicintegrity) found in the university section of this bulletin. Ethical behavior is essential to any communication professional and it is expected of students in the Diederich College of Communication. Cheating, plagiarism, unapproved collaboration or falsifying work in whole or in part are infractions that can result in a failing grade for an assignment and/or a course or even dismissal from the college.

Academic Dismissal/Probation/Academic Alert (CAA)

Academic Dismissal

The Diederich College of Communication adheres to the University Academic Censure Policy (https://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/academicregulations/#academiccensureprobationdismissalacademicalert).

Students admitted to the Diederich College of Communication are expected to meet college academic standards. Academic performance is monitored carefully by the college, and students who fail to maintain steady progress or demonstrate adequate achievement are subject to academic censure.

Academic Probation

Undergraduate students in academic difficulty are placed on academic probation by the Diederich College of Communication. Students in the college are expected to maintain a C (2.000) academic average overall, and those who earn a GPA below 2.000 for the term or otherwise fail to maintain progress necessary to meet university and college graduation requirements are subject to academic censure. Students on academic probation are directed as to what academic outcome they are expected to attain in the subsequent term to continue enrollment.

College Academic Alert (CAA)

Students admitted to the Diederich College of Communication are expected to meet college academic standards and maintain good academic standing. Academic performance is monitored carefully by the Committee on Scholastic Actions, and students either not maintaining steady progress or not demonstrating adequate achievement are barred from future registration by a College Academic Alert (CAA) registration hold.

The bases for committee review are:

- grade point average (GPA) deficiency
- inadequate progress
- grades of C-, D+, D, F, I, W, WF, UW or ADW
- the number of terms on college probation
- the violation of special conditions

Therefore, it is possible that students will be barred from registration by a CAA, even though the cumulative GPA exceeds 2.000. Students concerned about their academic progress should consult the college office.

Students placed on CAA status are notified by letter or email of the committee’s decision and of the appeal process. If an appeal is approved, special conditions may be prescribed in writing at the time of the reinstatement or readmission into the college. Conditions may also be prescribed in writing in the case of students whose course performance or failure to follow academic advice warrants such action. All students to whom conditions are specified are subject to committee review and possible CAA restriction when they fail to fulfill the specified terms. In addition, internal transfer students who have their CAA appeal approved by the college are reinstated or readmitted as an undeclared major on probation for a minimum of one term and special conditions are prescribed in writing at the time of the transfer into the college. Internal transfer students who fail to fulfill the specified terms of the conditions, are subject to CAA restriction at the end of the term and there is no guarantee any future appeal will be upheld.

If students’ appeals are denied, they may request to enroll in another college via the process outlined in the University Academic Censure Policy (https://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/academicregulations/#AcademicCensure) of this bulletin, and if accepted, the CAA hold is removed after transfer into the new college.

Unless the CAA is removed via the individual colleges’ appeal process, the student may not register for courses at Marquette and may be dropped from any classes for future terms in which they are registered.
Advisers
Students in the college are assigned a faculty adviser with whom they should confer at least once each term. Among other duties, the faculty advisers assist students in planning and accomplishing their programs of study. However, it is wholly the responsibility of all students to know and fulfill the requirements for graduation specified for their selected program.

Attendance
Because absence from class prevents students from getting the full benefit of a course and because in many courses, students’ involvement contributes to the learning process for all other students in the class, the college has adopted the University Attendance Policy (https://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/academicregulations/) for all of its undergraduate courses.

Background Checks, Drug Testing
Some degrees, majors and/or courses may require students to submit to a criminal background check and/or drug testing. The results of those checks and/or tests may affect students’ eligibility to continue in that degree, major and/or course.

C-, D+ and D Grades
Grades of C- and above in courses offered by the Diederich College of Communication are accepted toward majors and/or minors offered by the college, provided students have a minimum grade point average of 2.000 in the major or minor. Grades of D+ or D generally do not fulfill the credit hour requirement for a major or minor in the Diederich College. Students who receive grades of D+ or D in a Diederich College of Communication course should contact the department chair, who determines whether the course can be accepted. If not accepted, the chair can suggest that the course be repeated or replaced by a substitute course. If students receive a grade below a C in a major or minor course offered by another college on campus, that department chair must be consulted. Credit is given only once for repeated courses. See the University Repeated Courses Policy (https://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/academicregulations/#repeatedcourses).

Professional Standards
All written work and oral presentations produced by students in all classes under the jurisdiction of the Diederich College of Communication are expected to conform to professional standards of lucidity, coherence, grammar, spelling and punctuation. All instructors in all classes under the jurisdiction of the college consider the factors listed above, as well as substance, in grading written and oral presentations.

Other Academic Regulations
For information on additional university regulations, consult the Academic Regulations (https://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/academicregulations/) section in this bulletin.

Accreditation
The college’s theatre arts program is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theatre.