



## **By-Law Number 8**

### **ACADEMIC SUCCESS**

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## **PREAMBLE**

As addressed in its Mission Statement and Student Success Plan, Vanier College is committed to supporting student academic success. This By-Law is in accordance with the measures presented in the *College Education Regulations* and those of *By-Law No. 6* specifying the conditions for admission to the College. This By-Law applies to all full-time students registered at the College in a Diploma of College Studies (DCS) program, an Attestation of College Studies (ACS) program, or Explorations/Passages session.

## **GOALS**

In adopting and applying this By-Law, the College aims to:

- Foster academic success for all students in accordance with the requirements of their program of studies;
- Encourage students to be responsible and take charge of their learning;
- Provide additional support to “at risk” students;
- Ensure the fair treatment of students in the course of their educational experience.

## **Article 1 APPLICATION**

### **1.01 General Criteria**

To be considered in good academic standing, full time students must:

- Pass more than 50% of the courses in which they are registered;
- Pass a minimum of 50% of the program-specific courses in which they are registered.

### **1.02 Measures for Students Who Fail to Maintain Good Academic Standing the First Time**

***DCS and ACS Programs, and Explorations (081.13, 081.15, 081.17):***

Students who fail to maintain good academic standing the first time will be placed on Academic Probation. To be permitted to continue their full-time studies, students will be required to sign an Academic Probation Contract with their Faculty Dean. This contract will inform students of remedial services available to them, set out any specific conditions they must satisfy, and inform them of the consequences of being in poor academic standing a second time.

***Explorations Passages (081.12):***

Students who fail to maintain good academic standing will not be permitted to continue day studies or acquire full-time status for one semester. To be readmitted to full-time studies, students will have to upgrade their academic standing. This can be done by passing a minimum of two CEGEP credit courses in Continuing Education. Readmission to full-time day studies is not automatic.

### **1.03 Measures for Students Who Fail to Maintain Good Academic Standing the Second Time**

***DCS Programs:***

Students on Academic Probation who fail to maintain good academic standing a second time in

any subsequent semester will not be permitted to continue as full-time students in a program for a full academic year. Students will have to upgrade their academic standing if they wish to be admitted to full-time studies. This can be done by passing four CEGEP credit courses in Continuing Education. Re-admission to full-time studies or to the student's original program is not automatic.

***ACS Programs:***

Students on Academic Probation who fail to pass more than 50% of their courses a second time will be required to leave their Attestation program.

**1.04 Measures for Students Who Fail to Meet Additional Program-specific Criteria**

Some DCS programs have additional program-specific requirements. Students who fail to meet these requirements will not be permitted to continue in the program. These programs are listed and their additional requirements are described in Appendix I: Academic Success – Additional Program-specific Requirements.

**1.05 Measures for Students with Multiple Failures**

The College will contact students who fail two or more courses in any semester while maintaining good academic standing (as described in 1.01) and will recommend remedial measures deemed appropriate.

**1.06 Measures for Students Who Fail the Same Course Twice**

***Program-specific Courses:***

The College will contact students who fail the same course twice and will implement remedial measures deemed appropriate.

Students who fail the same course a third time will be required to leave the program.

***General Education Courses:***

The College will contact students who fail the same course twice and will implement remedial measures deemed appropriate.

The College will contact students who fail the same course a third time and will implement additional remedial measures deemed appropriate.

**1.07 Measures for Students Who Fail Preparation for College English**

The College will contact students who fail Preparation for College English the first time and will implement remedial measures deemed appropriate.

**1.08 Part-time student**

The College may apply appropriate sections of this By-Law to part-time students, as it deems necessary.

**1.09 Exceptions**

In exceptional circumstances, students may ask the College to waive the application of a specific measure of this By-Law. All requests for this waiver must be submitted in writing to the Academic Dean's Office. The Academic Dean or delegate will make the final decision.

## **Article 2      EFFECTIVE DATE**

**2.01**    This By-Law revision will take effect in Fall 2016.

Vanier students with a full-time status in Winter 2016 returning to study at Vanier in the Fall 2016 semester, will retain all probation conditions levied in any previous semester under the preceding version of this By-Law. These conditions will remain in effect until students graduate or interrupt their studies for either a Fall or Winter semester.

## Appendix I: Academic Success – Additional Program-specific Requirements

Program	Additional Program-specific Requirements
<p><b><u>Double DCS Programs</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Languages and Cultures &amp; Music</li> <li>• Social Science and Music</li> <li>• Science and Music</li> </ul>	Students who fail any Languages and Cultures, Social Science, Science or Music course will be required to leave the program.
<p><b><u>Joint Programs with CEGEP St. Laurent</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science in English and French</li> <li>• Social Science in English and French</li> </ul>	Students who fail any course will be required to leave the program.
<b>Liberal Arts</b>	Students who fail the same program-specific sections twice will be required to leave the program.
<b>Music</b>	Students who fail the lesson component of their principal instrument will be required to leave the program.
<p><b><u>Technical Programs with a Caring Focus</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animal Health</li> <li>• Nursing*<sup>+</sup></li> <li>• Respiratory and Anaesthesia Technology<sup>+</sup></li> <li>• Special Care Counselling</li> <li>• Early Childhood Education</li> </ul>	For reasons of safety, students who fail in any two stage courses will be required to leave the program.

\*Students who fail course 180-111-VA will be required to leave the program.

<sup>+</sup>Students must complete their studies within five years of starting the program to ensure current practices.