

William Paterson University Policy
Campus Activities, Service and Leadership Policy

SUBJECT:	Extracurricular Activities Participation		TITLE:	Extracurricular Activities Participation Policy	
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Responsible Executive:	Director, Campus Activities, Service and Leadership		Responsible Office:	Campus Activities, Service and Leadership	
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PURPOSE:

William Paterson University is committed to providing students with quality extracurricular activities to enhance their academic and collegiate experience. The purpose of this Policy and associated procedures is to provide students with clear information about academic requirements needed to participate in extracurricular activities and student clubs and organizations as members and in student leadership positions.

ACCOUNTABILITY

The Office of Campus Activities, Service and Leadership is responsible for enforcing this policy.

DEFINITION(S)

Extracurricular Activities: participation is any student clubs, organizations and/or programs that are recognized by the University or any of its agencies for which academic credit is not received.

Member: any student who is an active participant in a student club or organization, but does not hold a leadership position.

Leadership Position: and designated position in a student organization that helps to manage the organization (i.e. president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer) as selected by the organization's members.

POLICY

All extracurricular activities shall be open to all full-time and part-time students who have paid the appropriate student activity fees, except where the organizations are members of national bodies that have more stringent requirements.

Members of clubs and organizations are required to maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater. Students whose cumulative average falls below 2.0 will be placed on extracurricular probation. Students whose "term" GPA falls below 2.0 for two terms consecutively will be placed on extracurricular probation. Students on extracurricular probation must not participate in extracurricular activities including, but not limited to holding leadership positions, volunteering or engaging in the development and implementation of campus activities, etc. Students whose cumulative GPA falls below the minimum requirement of a 2.0 are strongly encouraged to utilize campus academic resources to develop skills needed to improve their academic grade point average to actively participate in campus activities.

Students in leadership positions are required to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.3 throughout their term in office. Students without GPAs (first semester first-year students and transfer students) are permitted to participate, but continuance will depend upon meeting said GPA requirements after their first term at William Paterson University. Students in leadership positions must carry a minimum of 9 credits (undergraduate) or 6 (graduate) each semester for spring and fall (exceptions may be granted if the student is completing their final semester for graduation with the approval from the Office of Campus Activities, Service and Leadership). Students who do not maintain this standard will become ineligible to continue in leadership position(s). Individual organizations may require higher academic standards for their leadership positions.

Students participating in extracurricular activities that have specific required meetings must ensure that their academic schedule does not conflict. If a conflict exists, academic requirements must take priority and the student will become ineligible to continue in that extracurricular activity or leadership position.

The Office of Campus Activities, Service and Leadership will periodically monitor student progress and take any needed action to address those students on extracurricular probation.

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