

GRADUATE PROBATION POLICY

Graduate *Bulletin* under Academic and Retention Standards:

In order to obtain a graduate degree, a student must have at least a 3.0(B) cumulative grade point average, and a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (B) in all course work on the student's authorized degree program. The policies which follow deal with cumulative grade point average; the College of Graduate Studies will monitor overall grade point average and follow these procedures when a student's cumulative grade point average is below a 3.0. When a student's cumulative grade point average in the academic program falls below a 3.0, the graduate program will monitor and initiate action relative to these procedures.

If, in the first semester after being placed on probation, a student obtains a semester g.p.a. of at least 3.0 with a cumulative g.p.a. below 3.0, the student will be allowed a second semester to raise the cumulative g.p.a. to a 3.0. The student will remain on probation and will be so notified by the College of Graduate Studies.

If, in the first semester after being placed on probation, a student in a degree program does NOT obtain a semester g.p.a. of at least 3.0, then the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies will ask the department to make a recommendation as to whether the student should be allowed a second semester to raise the cumulative g.p.a. to a 3.0. The Dean will consider the department's recommendation and notify the student of the Dean's decision. If the student is a non-degree student, then the student must petition the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies to continue taking graduate classes. The Dean will make a decision on whether to extend probation and will notify the student of the decision.

All students are expected to raise their cumulative g.p.a. to a 3.0 within two semesters of being placed on probation. When they are successful in achieving this goal, they will be removed from probation and so notified by the College of Graduate Studies. If a student does not raise his/her cumulative g.p.a. to a 3.0 within two semesters of being placed on probation, the student will be dematriculated. If the student is in a degree program, the relevant department may specifically request an exception to policy. If the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies concurs, the student will be granted one more semester to raise his/her g.p.a. to a 3.0.

Given the time it takes to implement these procedures, it is possible that a student will be dematriculated after he/she has registered for classes and perhaps even started attending them. If that is the case, the student will be dropped from classes.

In addition to maintaining a satisfactory cumulative grade point average, students in graduate programs must abide by the university's "Academic Integrity Policy for Graduate Students," which specifically prohibits "plagiarism, cheating and other forms of dishonest or unethical behavior...". Violations of the Academic Integrity Policy may lead to sanctions as described in the policy.

In addition, departments involved in clinical programs may evaluate students on the basis of their ability to relate successfully with clients. Students who do not meet the professional standards established by departments may be placed on probation, suspended, or dismissed from a program. Procedures for appealing departmental decisions are on file in the various departmental offices and the College of Graduate Studies.

In cases where a student fails to satisfy departmental graduate program requirements, the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies, upon the recommendation of the adviser and the departmental chairperson or program coordinator, and after review of the student's academic progress, may remove the student from the graduate program. Examples of specific departmental requirements to be met by students include, but are not limited to the following: (1) writing competency; (2) the number of attempts made in passing comprehensive or qualifying exams; (3) the completion of required papers or theses; and (4) meeting university and departmental time limitations.

Students dismissed from graduate study, regardless of whether they were non-degree students or students pursuing a graduate certificate or degree, may petition for readmission no sooner than one academic year after the semester they were dismissed. Exceptions to this waiting period can be granted by the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies. A dismissed student can apply for either non-degree admission or admission to a graduate program. Admission as a non-degree student will be decided by the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies. Admission to a graduate program will be decided by the procedures normally used for that program.

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