



POLICY ON GRADUATE ACADEMIC GOOD STANDING

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Policy: A graduate student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or better in order to be in good academic standing.

A graduate student with a cumulative GPA below 3.00 will be placed on academic probation. A graduate student on academic probation is limited to taking no more than nine (9) credits during the academic term for credit or for auditing.

During the course of a master's degree program, a graduate student may retake for academic credit no more than two required courses or electives in his or her program. In no case, may a specific course be retaken more than once. When a course is retaken and completed with a higher grade, the new grade replaces the earlier grade in the GPA calculation. However, the original grade remains on the student's transcript.

Notwithstanding the cumulative GPA requirement, a graduate student who has earned two grades of C cumulatively will be placed on academic probation.

A graduate student on academic probation, who earns a term GPA below 3.00, will be dismissed. Notwithstanding the cumulative GPA requirement, a graduate student who earns a third C or a grade of F in any course will be dismissed.

Undergraduate courses taken by graduate students are not included in the computation of graduate GPA, nor are they counted toward degree progress. However, a graduate student, who earns a grade below C in an undergraduate course, will be placed on academic probation.

Academic probation is not subject to appeal. To appeal academic dismissal, a graduate student must petition and obtain the approval, in progression, of the program director, department chairperson, the dean of the school or college, and the graduate dean. The petition must explain the poor academic performance AND describe how the student will ensure strong academic performance, if he/she is reinstated. In the event that reinstatement is granted, the student will be placed on academic probation. A reinstated student must earn grades of A or B in all courses, and will continue on probation until the cumulative GPA is raised above 3.00. A reinstated student who fails to achieve these requirements will be dismissed academically, with no further appeals possible. A dismissed student may apply for readmission after one year (two academic terms) of absence. The student must include in the application an explanation of how he or she will ensure academic success, if readmitted. The time limit for completing the degree program will not be extended for students, who have been academically dismissed.