

## Academic Standing

To be in good standing in graduate school, graduate students must meet the minimum cumulative grade point average (3.0) and degree requirements established by their degree program and Graduate Studies.

The intent of students admitted to Graduate Studies is to complete their degree program within six years after their first semester of enrollment. While enrolled, graduate students are expected to maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above for each term of enrollment. It is the responsibility of the student to monitor his/her curriculum and grades earned for course credits in progression to degree completion to ensure academic performance is on track.

Students who fall below a cumulative GPA 3.0 after their first term will be placed on academic probation. Academic probation results when grades are earned below a C or if the student has Bs and Cs which impacts the GPA falling below the required 3.0. At the conclusion of the fall, spring, and summer terms, students on academic probation are sent an email to notify them of their academic standing. Students terminated based on their cumulative GPA are also sent a notification.

A maximum of two letter grades of C are allowed in graduate school. Any courses in excess of the two Cs must be repeated. Continuation in graduate school requires approval by Graduate Studies. A course grade below a C is considered unacceptable and must be repeated before the student declares candidacy for degree completion. The student must repeat all courses in which subpar grades have been earned.

Students are expected to collaborate with their academic advisor on course credits in which a subpar grade has been earned to reenroll in the course(s). Communication should also be made with the graduate office to discuss removal of the hold to repeat the course(s) to address the academic probation.

Students on academic probation are evaluated at the end of the next term of enrollment to determine if they are in good standing. If the student's GPA is not improved to meet the academic requirement of a 3.0 or above after his/her next term of enrollment, the student will be subject to termination from graduate school.

### Standards for Continuance

Academic Standing Standard	Criteria
Good Standing	3.0 or Above
Second Chance	2.81 – 2.99
Two Cs	GPA of 3.0 or Above
More Than Two Cs	Repeat Course(s) and earn grade of B or higher and maintain GPA of 3.0 or above
Grades Below C	Reenroll in courses and earn 3.0 or higher

Students who are terminated for either cumulative grade point average and/or unmet degree requirements may not continue to enroll unless reinstated on appeal. Students who do not

complete their degree program in six years must also adhere to these disqualification regulations and only allowed to continue if approved on appeal.

Academic integrity must be maintained at all times during the student's attendance. Any student determined in non-compliance with academic honesty, plagiarism, cheating, and other academic misconduct, will be grounds for dismissal from graduate school.