

# General Policies

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## Academic Standing

- A student must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 to be in academic good standing and to receive a graduate degree,
- All courses taken by a graduate student for which grades are given will be used in calculating the GPA.
- Credits taken as Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory are not used in calculating the GPA.
- When a course has been repeated, both grades will appear on the transcript, but only the second grade will be used in calculating the GPA. A specific course can be retaken only once, and only three total courses can be retaken.
- Grades of A, B, C or S may be used to fulfill graduation requirements. Programs and/or supervisory committees may require a higher grade than C in certain courses.
- Earning more than two grades of C, D, F or U may be grounds for dismissal upon recommendation by the program administrator.

These minimal scholastic requirements apply to each student enrolled in the Graduate College. Additional requirements may exist for certain graduate programs.

## Academic Warning

Any student in GOOD STANDING whose cumulative GPA drops to less than 3.0 at any time of attendance is automatically placed on academic WARNING. Any student admitted in CONDITIONAL status because of grade deficiency is automatically placed on academic WARNING. A student on academic WARNING cannot register for the following semester until the grades for the current semester post.

If a student on academic WARNING fails to achieve a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 in the subsequent semester of attendance, then the student will be placed on academic PROBATION.

## Academic Probation

A student on academic PROBATION may not continue the pursuit of a graduate degree program without a recommendation from the appropriate program administrator and a waiver from the Dean of the Graduate College. This recommendation must include a review of the student's current status and a proposed plan of remediation which provides the student an opportunity to return to a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 within one additional semester (fall or spring) for full-time students and two semesters for part-time students (i.e. students taking 5 credits or fewer).

Before you may register for courses, you must develop a remediation plan and complete the Academic Probation Remediation Plan (<https://powerforms.docuform.net/bf60da25-48d5-4576-8c81-d9b5377fea07/?env=na3&acct=1ceb9a57-b6a3-4df7-b655-d64cf8f1c2d7&accountId=1ceb9a57-b6a3-4df7-b655-d64cf8f1c2d7>) form. Your plan must include:

- the specific course(s) you plan to take
- verification that the course(s) will be offered
- the grade you plan to earn in order to return to a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 within one semester (full-time students and two semesters for part-time students)
- signatures of the student, adviser and department chair/graduate program coordinator

The remediation plan must be submitted and approved in time for the student to register for the academic term (fall or spring) that immediately follows the term in which the student was placed on probation. If the student does not submit an acceptable plan in time to enroll for the next academic term (fall or spring), or if the cumulative GPA is not at least 3.0 after the probationary period, the student will be dismissed from his or her graduate program.

A student on academic PROBATION is not eligible for a graduate assistantship or tuition waiver.

## Dismissal from the Graduate College

Graduate students may be suspended or dismissed from NDSU as a result of failure to meet our scholastic standards, academic or professional misconduct, insufficient progress toward a degree, failure to meet professional expectations or standards or failure to submit an acceptable remediation plan. Students suspended or dismissed from the Graduate College are not eligible for admission into any degree-granting or certificate program or into non-degree status for a period of at least one calendar year from the date of their suspension or dismissal.

Suspension or dismissal does not become complete until the completion of any appeal process (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/graduate/graduate-school-policies/graduate-student-appeals/>).