

General Policies

Academic Standing

The scholastic requirements below apply to each student enrolled in the Graduate College. Programs may have additional requirements. Refer to your program handbook for more information.

- A student must have a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of at least 3.0 to be in good academic standing and to receive a graduate degree.
- All courses taken by a graduate student for which grades are given (not satisfactory/unsatisfactory) will be used in calculating the semester and CGPA.
- Grades of A, B, C or S may be used to fulfill graduation requirements.
- Earning more than two grades of C, D, F or U may be grounds for dismissal upon recommendation by the program coordinator.

Academic Warning

Any student in good standing whose CGPA drops to less than 3.0 at any time of attendance is placed on academic warning. Any student admitted in conditional status is placed on academic warning. A student on academic warning cannot register for the following semester until the grades for the current semester post.

An academic warning does not appear on the official academic transcript. Students are notified of their academic warning status via official NDSU email. These students remain eligible for graduate assistantships.

Academic Probation

If a student on academic warning fails to achieve a CGPA of at least 3.0 in the subsequent semester of attendance, they will be placed on academic probation.

A student on academic probation is not eligible for a graduate assistantship or tuition waiver. An academic probation does not appear on the student's official academic transcript. Students are notified of their academic probation status via official NDSU email.

To continue the pursuit of a graduate degree program, a student on academic probation must develop a remediation plan in collaboration with the advisor and submit the Academic Probation Remediation Plan (<https://powerforms.docusign.net/bf60da25-48d5-4576-8c81-d9b5377fea07/?env=na3&acct=1ceb9a57-b6a3-4df7-b655-d64cf8f1c2d7&accountId=1ceb9a57-b6a3-4df7-b655-d64cf8f1c2d7>) form.

This plan must include:

- the specific course(s) you plan to take
- the grade you plan to earn in order to return to a CGPA 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)
- explanation of the measures being taken to ensure you will receive the grades you've indicated
- signatures of the student, adviser and department chair/graduate program coordinator

The remediation form should be submitted for Graduate College approval before the first day of class the following semester. If the form is not received by the deadline, or if the goals outlined in the plan are not met in the subsequent semester(s), the student will be dismissed from the Graduate College.

Dismissal from the Graduate College

Dismissal results in the loss of active graduate student status with the Graduate College and participation in all graduate programs and course work. A dismissal is documented on the student's official academic transcript. Students are notified of their dismissal via official NDSU email.

Graduate students may be dismissed from the Graduate College 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
- failure to submit an acceptable remediation plan
- failure to meet the goals outlined in the approved remediation plan

Dismissal is confirmed following the completion of any appeal process (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/graduate/graduate-school-policies/graduate-student-appeals/>). Students dismissed from the Graduate College may reapply for admission after at least one calendar year from the date of their dismissal.