

Academic Evaluation

Good Standing:

A graduate student is in good standing when her/his graduate grade cumulative average is 80 (GPA: 3.2) or above. A student must be in good standing in order to be awarded a degree.

Probation and Removal of Probation:

The academic performance of the student is first evaluated by the department upon completion of 9 credits of coursework after initial enrollment towards the degree and then is evaluated every term/term thereafter.

Students Admitted on Probation:

A student admitted on probation has to complete at least 9 credits of graduate level courses within the first two terms of graduate studies, has to pass all courses, and has to attain a minimum cumulative average of 80 (GPA: 3.2) to achieve regular status.

- If the student fails to meet any of these conditions, s/he will be dropped from the program.

Students Placed on Probation during Regular Status:

A student is placed on probation if s/he attains a cumulative average of 70 (GPA: 2.2) or more, but less than 80 (GPA: 3.2), or fails any course taken for graduate credit.

- A student placed on probation due to average must remove the probation by the end of the following regular term/term by attainment of a cumulative average of at least 80 (GPA: 3.2).
- A student placed on probation due to course failure should retake and pass the course the next time it is offered. In case this condition cannot be met, the student, in consultation with the advisor, must petition the faculty/school Graduate Studies Committee.

The department or program in which the student is enrolled may recommend probation to the Faculty Graduate Studies Committee even if the student has attained an adequate cumulative average. Probation of a PhD student may be removed by the Faculty Graduate Studies Committee.

Changes in probationary status of enrolled graduate students are queried at their respective Faculties/Schools Dean Offices within one week of the start of the term/term for consideration by the faculty/school. The faculty/school Graduate Studies Committee issues, through the Dean's Office, the statement of change of probation status to the graduate student with copies to the department chair, student advisor and Registrar.

Dismissal:

The Faculty Graduate Studies Committee may dismiss a master's student, in consultation with the department/program, from graduate study if any of the following conditions arise:

- Probation status due to average is not removed in the term following the first probation, excluding students admitted on probation (see previous section on probation and removal of probation).
- The student receives probation for a second time during the degree residency.
- The student attains a cumulative average of less than 70 (GPA: 2.2) after completion of 9 credits or fails two courses in one term.
- The student attains a cumulative average of 70 (GPA: 2.2) or above but less than 80 (GPA: 3.2) in any term, and fails one course in that term (This rule does not apply to the first term of study).
- The work of the student is considered to be unsatisfactory in the opinion of the department or program, regardless of the grades obtained.
- The student fails the comprehensive examination twice or the thesis defense twice.