Graduate School POLICY: Academic Probation and Dismissal

A. Purpose & Scope
To define the academic probation and dismissal process, which are applied at the end of the Fall and Spring semesters.

B. Definition(s)
Good Academic Standing – Graduate students who maintain a 3.00 or above cumulative GPA, as calculated at the end of the Fall and Spring semesters.

Academic Probation – Graduate students whose cumulative GPA falls below 3.00 are placed on academic probation.

Continuing Academic Probation – Graduate students who are on academic probation with a cumulative GPA below 3.00 remain on continuing academic probation until either the cumulative average reaches 3.00 or they have repeated two courses, at which time they are dismissed for academic reasons.

Academic Dismissal - The University reserves the right to refuse the privilege of further attendance to graduate students who have failed to meet minimum academic requirements. If a graduate student's cumulative GPA remains below the required 3.00 minimum after a probationary period, and the student fails to meet other requirements, he or she will be dismissed from the University.

C. Policy
1. Graduate students must maintain an overall grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.00 in graduate courses taken at California University and required for completion of their major.

2. Graduate students whose overall GPA is below 3.00 will be placed on academic probation. A graduate student on probation is not eligible to become a graduate assistant, research assistant, graduate resident hall director, assistant resident hall director, or community assistant.

3. Graduate students placed on academic probation are given one probationary semester to raise the GPA. If academic progress is made during the probationary semester but the graduate student has not achieved a 3.00 GPA overall, the student will be placed on continued academic probation. If the overall GPA is still below 3.00 after the probationary semester, the student may be academically dismissed. Students who are on continued academic probation status may become ineligible for positions as graduate assistant, research assistants, graduate resident hall directors, assistant resident hall directors, or community assistants.

4. Some departments may have additional requirements regarding academic probation and dismissal. Students should consult with their program advisor for specific requirements.
5. Graduate students who have been dismissed and wish to be readmitted to another graduate program must reapply to the School of Graduate Studies and Research.

6. Students who have been awarded a graduate assistantship whose semester GPA falls below 3.00 may lose their assistantship. Graduate students may not graduate with any F grades on their transcript (unless repeated with a passing grade) or a cumulative GPA below 3.00. To raise the GPA to 3.00, and to eliminate F grades, graduate students are permitted to repeat up to two courses across their program. See the Graduate Policy: Repeating a Course.

7. Academic dismissals may occur for one or more of the following reasons: failure to maintain a 3.00 GPA in one or more semesters, failure to achieve satisfactory academic progress, earning three or more failing (F) grades in the program, or failure to earn a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher.

D. Procedure(s)

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