



California University of Pennsylvania

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, Winter, Spring, and Summer terms.

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, Winter, Spring, and Summer terms.

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

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. Only the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research can officially dismiss a student from any program.

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 term to raise the GPA. If academic progress is not made in the next term after academic probation by achieving a term GPA of 3.0 or higher, the student will be academically dismissed.
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 term 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, and a single course once. 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)

E. Effective date: 2005-2006 Graduate Catalog

Updated date: March 9, 2017

Amended Date: April 30, 2019