

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – SUPERIOR

Policy Subject: **Academic Standing-Graduate Students (number AP1112 G)**

Cabinet Division: **Graduate Studies/Registrar's Office (Enrollment Management)**

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I. Background and Purpose

- 1.1 There is no current separate Academic Standing policy for Graduate students.
- 1.2 Students should choose the academic pace that best meets their personal goals; however, successful movement toward goals combined with at least adequate acquisition of academic competence is a responsibility of the student.

II. Constraints

- 2.1 Enough time for IT to program the PS system to check for Graduate academic standing and then communicate results to students and advisors.

III. Definitions

- 2.1 Good academic standing is a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0. To be eligible to enroll for classes, a graduate student must be in good academic standing with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- 2.2 Academic Probation occurs when Graduate students' cumulative GPA drops below 3.0, or semester GPA is drops below 3.0, regardless of the cumulative GPA.
- 2.3 Suspension occurs when Graduate students' cumulative GPA drops below 3.0, or cumulative grade point drops below 3.0 *while on probation*.
- 2.4 Reinstatement occurs when a student successfully petitions to return after a suspension has occurred.

IV. Policy Statements

Probation

- 4.1 Graduate students are placed on academic probation whenever their cumulative GPA drops below 3.0, or their semester GPA is less than 3.0, regardless of the cumulative GPA.
- 4.2 Graduate students on academic probation are restricted to a maximum of 6 credits while on probation. Graduate students on probation must earn a 3.0 semester grade point average the following semester to continue enrollment. Graduate students remain on probation until their cumulative GPA improves to at least 3.0.
- 4.3 If a graduate student's semester GPA increases to 3.0 or higher and their cumulative GPA increases to a minimum of 3.0, the graduate student will be moved to good standing status. Once the cumulative GPA is 3.0 or above, a graduate student is no longer on probation. If a graduate student fails to earn a 3.0 semester grade point average, while on probation, the graduate student will be suspended.
- 4.4 At the end of each term, academic standing is reviewed. Whenever a graduate student's semester or cumulative GPA drops below 3.0, the graduate student is notified via an email to the graduate student's UWSuperior email account. Advisors are informed via the Academic Advising Center.
- 4.5 Graduate transfer students accepted with less than a 3.0 cumulative GPA from all previously attended institutions may be admitted on academic probation.
- 4.6 Suspended students reinstated by the Graduate Council will be readmitted on academic probation.

Suspension

- 4.7 Graduate students on probation will be suspended if their subsequent semester GPA is less than 3.0.
- 4.8 Suspended graduate students are required to sit-out at least one term prior to submitting a petition for reinstatement to the Graduate Council. However, if the graduate student can provide other sufficient evidence that extenuating circumstances led to their suspension status, s/he may submit a petition for reinstatement without having sat out a term.

Reinstatement

- 4.9 Graduate students suspended more than two times must sit-out at least three years before petitioning for reinstatement. Petitions for reinstatement should be submitted to the Graduate Studies Office at least three weeks before the beginning of the term in which the graduate student wishes to re-enter. If a graduate student's written Petition for Reinstatement is denied, the student has the right to a personal appeal with the Graduate Council. Graduate students should be aware that a personal appeal must be supported by information and/or documentation in addition to what was provided on the original written petition.

V. Policy Procedures

- 5.1 See above

VI. Compliance

- 6.1 Approved by Graduate Council (4/15/11), Revised by Graduate Council (2.2.16)
6.2 Consequences—could result in graduate student headcount dropping due to academic suspension
6.3 No Required Reporting—other than to the department chairs and faculty and Graduate Council.

VII. Attachments