In order to earn an academic degree, a student must meet course requirements for the academic major as well as credit and grade point average (GPA) requirements. Meeting minimum GPA requirements established in this policy and by individual academic programs provides evidence that a student has achieved a satisfactory level of mastery in his/her respective academic discipline. Students not achieving minimum standards are subject to Academic Probation and may be subject to Academic Dismissal. This policy is upheld and overseen by the Graduate College under the Office of the Provost. This policy applies to all matriculated graduate students with the exception of students in the Kline School of Law and the College of Medicine.

Academic Standing

Academic Standing is determined each term that the student is registered. Academic Standing is based on the term and cumulative GPA. The categories of Academic Standing are: Good Academic Standing, Probation; Continued on Probation; Dismissed; and Dismissed and Reinstated. These categories are reflected on the academic transcript. Good Academic Standing is assigned by earning a term GPA and cumulative GPA that meets the minimum standard 3.00 for graduate students. Some colleges and departments may set a higher GPA requirement for their programs.

The academic standing process for graduate students subject to this policy shall be in accordance with the following actions and requirements. These actions described below will be reflected on the student’s permanent academic transcript.

Academic Probation

A graduate student is placed on academic probation if either the term or cumulative GPA falls below the established minimum grade point average of 3.00. Once a graduate student is placed on probation, the Graduate College will place a registration hold on the student’s record. The hold will not be removed until the student has met with his/her graduate advisor and an agreed upon written academic plan for remediation is developed and submitted to the Graduate College.
After initial placement on probation, the graduate student will continue on a probationary status for two subsequent consecutive terms. A graduate student can return to good academic standing if the term and cumulative GPA for these two subsequent consecutive terms are each at least a 3.00.

**Academic Dismissal**

If the graduate student fails to meet the requirements of the academic probation, the student will be dismissed from the University. This academic dismissal will be so noted on the student’s academic transcript.

A graduate student who was previously placed on probation, and successfully returned to good academic standing will be dismissed from the University if he/she fails to maintain good academic standing thereafter during his/her tenure at the University.

**Appeal of Academic Dismissal**

Students will be formally notified of their dismissal from the University by a letter issued from the Graduate College.

A student has the right to appeal his or her academic dismissal, by following the procedure below. The graduate student initiates an appeal in writing to his/her academic unit and should be submitted to the Dean of the Graduate College. The student should include a detailed explanation of the circumstances that may have impacted their academic standing. The academic unit should also provide their recommendation to the Graduate College. The Dean of the Graduate College will determine the result of the appeal. The decision of the Dean of the Graduate College is considered final, and there are no further avenues of appeal.

If the student does not appeal his or her dismissal by the end of first week of the subsequent term after being notified of the dismissal, he/she will be academically dismissed from the University.

**Dismissed and Reinstated**

If the student's appeal is approved by the Dean of the Graduate College, the student will then be classified as “dismissed and reinstated” on his/her academic transcript. Upon reinstatement, the student must then achieve good academic standing within a maximum of two consecutive terms immediately following his/her reinstatement based on an approved remediation plan developed between the student and his/her advisor.

During that remediation plan period, a student must meet the established criteria outlined in the remediation plan and, ultimately, achieve the minimum term and cumulative GPA standard of a 3.0. If the student fails to meet these requirements, the student will be permanently dismissed from the University without the right to appeal.