Purpose

This policy describes the requirements for academic progress.

Policy Details

The minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) needed for successful progress is established and communicated to the student in writing by each program. This GPA level may be higher, but no lower, than 3.0, which is the standard of the College. If, after 18 semester hours of regular class work, a student’s cumulative GPA falls below the minimum, or if, in the view of the student’s Faculty Committee, the student is not making adequate progress, including research, the case is reviewed by the program’s Graduate Studies Committee or equivalent.

Subjective appraisal by the faculty of the student’s progress and potential may be considered. Other attributes, primarily those concerned with the level of professionalism expected of a student in a particular discipline, may also be considered.

The Committee will submit a recommendation to the Program Chair or Program Director for resolution of the deficiency. The plan will be communicated to the Dean for review. After consideration of the plan and other factors relevant to the student’s progress, the Dean will decide whether to allow the student to continue in the program.

Policy Scope

Applies to all enrolled students.
Related Policies

- Academic Due Process
- Grading

Definitions

Dean. The administrative head of the College, which may be an Associate Dean substituting during an absence of the Dean.

Grade Point Average. The calculated value of the sum of the quality points earned for a course multiplied by the credit hours for the course, divided by the sum of credit hours for courses in which quality points are assigned.

Graduate Studies Committee. A committee existing at the academic program level that makes decisions or recommendation for the program.

Program Chair. The listed chair of the student’s academic program.

Program Director. The listed director of the student’s academic program.

Procedures

1. The record of a student deemed not to be making adequate progress is reviewed at the program level.
2. A recommendation is made to the Program Director or Chair and communicated to the Dean.
3. Following review of the recommendation, the Dean will decide whether to allow the student to continue in the program.

Document History

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