

# SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

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To remain in good academic standing students must continue to make satisfactory progress toward their degrees. Unsatisfactory grades and/or a GPA below 3.0 may warrant review for possible dismissal from their programs. Specifically, students may not present courses receiving less than a C for fulfilling degree requirements.

Further grounds for lack of satisfactory academic standing may include:

- Failure to secure a major adviser, failure of comprehensive exams, lack of progress on/unsuccessful defense of thesis/dissertation
- Discontinuous enrollment
- Exceeding time limit
- Honor policy violation
- Academic misconduct
- Professional misconduct

At the end of each semester, graduate faculty advisers and program directors will review the academic progress of all graduate students in their programs. The academic standing of any graduate students who receive multiple grades of C or grades of D or F will be reviewed for possible dismissal from their programs. Although the grade of U is not included in the calculation of the graduate GPA, graduate students who receive one or more grades of U will be considered for possible dismissal.

Students who have completed all minimum degree requirements but who are out of compliance with minimum graduation requirements (i.e., graduate grade-point average, 50 percent 500-/600-level course work, etc.), may be allowed, with the permission of their graduate faculty advisers, program directors, academic deans/dean designees and the Graduate School to take additional course work to meet minimum University Graduate Council graduation requirements. Requests for such actions must be processed via the special action form according to the instructions articulated in the Exceptions policy (<http://bulletin.vcu.edu/academic-regs/grad/exceptions>) in this section. Students will have a maximum of one calendar year to complete such additional requirements. At the end of that time, if students are still out of compliance, they must be dismissed from the program for lack of academic progress.

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