

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

All students are expected to maintain satisfactory academic progress. Satisfactory academic progress consists of

- Maintaining a cumulative graduate GPA ≥ 3.0
- Exclusively receiving final grades of A, B, C, P or S in all course work
- Securing a permanent adviser (if required by the program)
- Passing all Ph.D. comprehensive examinations by the ninth semester of full-time enrollment
- Passing all thesis and/or dissertation defenses attempted
- Meeting all program requirements in a timely fashion
- Following all VCU, Graduate School, School of Medicine and program guidelines

All students are reviewed twice annually by their graduate program. A student who is not making satisfactory academic progress can be considered for dismissal from their program.