

William Paterson University Policy

Academic Policy

SUBJECT:	Graduate Student Academic Standing	TITLE:	Graduate Academic Probation		
CATEGORY: Check One	Board of Trustees <input type="checkbox"/>	University <input type="checkbox"/>	Functional <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	School/Unit <input type="checkbox"/>	
Responsible Executive:	Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs		Responsible Office:	Office of the Provost	
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PURPOSE

This policy describes the university academic requirements and practices regarding the academic standing of students in graduate programs. This policy does not affect any financial aid policies.

ACCOUNTABILITY

The Office of the Provost is responsible for enforcement of this policy

POLICY

If at any time during a graduate student's academic career that student's grade point average (GPA) falls below a 3.0 cumulative GPA, the student will be placed on probation. While on probation, the maximum number of credits in which a student can enroll will be nine (9) credits.

During the time in which a graduate student is on probation, if that student's cumulative GPA remains below 3.0, but the student has achieved a GPA of 3.25 or higher in the semester, the student will be allowed to register for a subsequent term and a maximum of nine credits.

If during the time a graduate student is on probation and that student has not attained a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, and/or a GPA of 3.25 in the semester, the student will be dismissed from the University.

A student must, however, attain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher by the final semester of matriculation in order to graduate, which is consistent with University policy.

No individual graduate program may have more restrictive probation policy or other academic standard policies unless reviewed and approved by the Office of the Provost.

PROCEDURE

Graduate programs will be notified by the University of academic standing for students who have completed nine (9) or more credits (eight (8) or more credits in programs that have 4 credit courses), who drop below a cumulative GPA of 3.0 at the end of each full semester (Fall, Spring or Summer). The Fall, Spring and Summer semesters may include shorter parts of term. Students who are enrolled in the

parts of term will have their academic standing assessed at the end of a full semester, not at the end of each part of term.

Students on academic probation will be asked to meet with their program director to establish a plan for success.

If a student is participating in a course at the time they are notified of dismissal, they may choose to complete the course or withdraw with 100% refund; future course enrollments will be cancelled. Academic standing will be reassessed based on final grades if a student chooses to complete the course.

By Direction of the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date: 04/19/2024
