QUALITY OF WORK STANDARDS

A "B" (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) average must be maintained in all graduate work taken as part of the degree or certificate program.

Automatic Dismissal

Graduate students are expected to do work of high caliber. Failure to do so will result in dismissal. In particular, the following will result in automatic dismissal from the degree or certificate program:

- Receiving a grade of "C-" (1.67 on a 4.0 scale) or below in any course taken in the student's major field of study or in any course included in the plan of study/program of study.
- Departments/schools may have additional and more stringent criteria for evaluating a student's performance and progress and may demand a higher level of performance than that demanded by the Graduate College. A department/school or program unit may, under some circumstances, recommend dismissal of a student from a graduate program even though quality of work standards have been maintained. Grounds for dismissal could include, but are not limited to:
  - Failure to be accepted by an appropriate thesis or dissertation advisor within stipulated time limitations;
  - Failure to make timely progress toward the degree or certificate; and
  - Failure to perform in coursework, qualifying examination or research at an acceptable level in the respective department/school or program unit.

Probation or Dismissal

A department/school will recommend that the dean for Graduate Studies place any of the above conditions occur.

- A student will be automatically dismissed from all graduate standing or for doctoral degrees, regardless of the average;
- Receiving a grade of "C+" (2.33 on a 4.0 scale) or below as of the end of the previous semester.
- Receiving at least six (6) hours of graduate credit with a grade of "C-" (1.67 on a 4.0 scale) or below as of the end of the previous semester.
- Automatic Dismissal for a Grade of "U" (Unsatisfactory) or "Fail"

A grade of "U" or "Fail" in any graduate course taken by a graduate student shall be treated the same as a grade of "C-" or below and shall result in automatic dismissal from the graduate program.

The Plan of Study and Grades Which Result in Automatic Dismissal

Grades which result in automatic dismissal from a program (e.g., grade of "C-" or below, "U", "Fail") may not be applied towards a graduate plan of study.

Students Dismissed from a Graduate Program Who then Re-apply as Non-Degree Students

If a student is currently registered, he/she will be disenrolled from their coursework. A hold will be placed preventing enrollment in future semesters, unless they request and receive permission in accordance with departmental/school graduate program policy to enroll as a non-degree student in that program.

Policy on Petitioning for Reinstatement into a Graduate Program

The process for petitioning and evaluating petitions for reinstatement into a graduate program is the responsibility of each department’s/school’s graduate program committee. For a current copy of procedures, please contact your department/school graduate program committee chair.