

## Section I: Introduction

This policy applies to all graduate students in the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences.

All graduate students are expected to make systematic progress toward the completion of their degree. In order to remain in good standing in the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences (NCIAS), students must maintain satisfactory academic progress. This document sets forth the standards for “satisfactory academic progress” and “good standing” and explains the consequences of not meeting these standards.

In addition to the policies outlined in this document, all NCIAS graduate students are expected to adhere to applicable University guidelines including, but not limited to, the ASU Academic Integrity Policy, Student Code of Conduct, and Graduate College policies.

Graduate students are expected to review and be familiar with all policies listed at <https://graduate.asu.edu/current-students/policies-forms-and-deadlines/policy-manuals>.

## Section II: Academic Performance Requirements

College faculty and staff conduct regular reviews of student progress. Any student’s record that demonstrates concern for satisfactory progress may be placed on academic probation or may be dismissed (permanently removed) from the degree program.

To maintain satisfactory academic progress, all students must:

1. Maintain a minimum 3.00 grade point average (GPA) on all GPA’s (Plan of Study (iPOS) GPA, Overall Graduate GPA and Cumulative GPA):
  - a. The Plan of Study GPA is calculated on all courses that appear on a student’s approved iPOS (with the exception of LAW and transfer credits)
  - b. Cumulative ASU GPA represents all courses completed at ASU during the graduate career.
  - c. The Overall Graduate GPA is calculated from all courses numbered 500 or higher that appear on the transcript after admission to a graduate program or graduate non-degree. This includes shared coursework if in an approved accelerated bachelor’s/master’s program.
2. Program Specific Guidelines: Required Courses  
In addition to maintaining the GPA’s specified above each program requires that specific grades be achieved in required program coursework.
  - a. **Biological Data Sciences:** Achieve a grade of “C+” or higher in all required courses that appear on the approved Plan of Study
  - b. **Communication Studies:** Achieve a grade of “B-” or higher in all required courses that appear on the approved Plan of Study
  - c. **English:** Achieve a grade of “B-” or higher in all required courses.
  - d. **Forensic Psychology:** Achieve a grade of “C” or higher in all courses that appear on the iPOS.
  - e. **Forensic Science:** Achieve a grade of “C” or higher in all courses that appear on the iPOS.
  - f. **Interdisciplinary Studies:** Achieve a grade of “B-” or higher in all required courses that

- appear on the approved Plan of Study
- g. **Psychology:** Achieve a grade of “B-” or higher in all required courses that appear on the approved Plan of Study
  - h. **Social Justice and Human Rights:** Achieve a grade of “C” or higher in all required courses.
  - i. **Social Technologies:** Achieve a grade of “B” or higher in all required courses that appear on the approved Plan of Study

A student who receives a grade below the specified grade in a required course in their program must repeat the course in a regularly scheduled (not an individualized instruction) class. All course attempts will be used to calculate the ASU Graduate GPA and ASU Cumulative GPA.

Forensic Psychology (Online) Core Courses :

1. Achieve a grade of “B” or higher in any A-E graded culminating experience course (Applied Project or Capstone). ***A grade of “B-” is not considered passing.***
2. Achieve a pass “Y” in any 599 course.
3. Earning a grade of “I” or “W” in multiple courses may be considered a lack of satisfactory progress
4. Maintain Continuous Enrollment as required by ASU Graduate College

A student receiving a grade of D and E must repeat the course in a regularly scheduled (not an individualized instruction) class if it is to be included in the Plan of study. However, both the D or E and the new grade is used to compute the Cumulative GPA and the Overall Graduate GPA.

### **Section III: Academic Probation for Unsatisfactory Academic Progress**

Academic Probation may be imposed if a student has any one of the deficiencies listed below. A student placed on probation will be permitted to progress into the next term (unless the next term includes a culminating experience) while addressing the deficiency. The terms of probation will require that students make progress toward meeting the Academic Performance Requirements outlined in Section II within a specified timeframe.

If progress toward fixing the deficiency is not made, the Director of Graduate Studies will recommend a student be dismissed (see dismissal process in Section V).

**Please note that a graduate student with a single semester GPA at or below 2.0 may be recommended for dismissal without the benefit of a semester of probation.**

A graduate student in the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences is considered to be in violation of the Standards for Satisfactory Academic Progress if any of the following are true:

- Plan of Study (iPOS) GPA below 3.0
- Overall Graduate GPA below 3.0
- Cumulative ASU GPA below 3.0
- Fail to meet requirements for Required Core Classes (see 2 a-d above).
  - Failure to achieve a B- or better on the second attempt may result in recommendation for dismissal from the program.

### **Section IV: Removal from Academic Probation and Reinstatement to Good Standing**

To be restored to good standing, a student must

1. Maintain or improve grades within the specified timeframe to meet the Academic Performance Requirements described in Section II;
2. Participate in any required meetings due to address issues related to satisfactory academic progress.

### **Section V: Dismissal and Appeal Process**

A student may be recommended for dismissal if they do not

1. Maintain a minimum of 3.00 GPA on the iPOS GPA, cumulative ASU GPA, and Overall Graduate GPA (outlined in Section II);
2. Satisfy all requirements of the degree program;
3. Follow the required sequence of core courses and fail to make progress toward degree requirements;
4. Satisfy the maximum time limit for graduation from the student's graduate degree program (six years for master's program)
5. Successfully pass applicable comprehensive exams, qualifying exams, and the oral defense of the proposal/prospectus for the thesis.
6. Successfully complete the culminating experience and, if required, the oral defense of the culminating experience;
7. Maintain continuous enrollment.

The student has the right to appeal a recommendation for dismissal.

Steps in the Dismissal and Appeal Process:

1. The student receives notice that a recommendation for dismissal from the program is being made to the Graduate College.
2. Within 10 business days of receiving this notice, the student may appeal in writing to the Director of Graduate Studies. Failure to file an appeal within 10 business days of the date of notification will result in an automatic denial of the appeal.
  - a. If the appeal is received, the student will be notified in writing that the appeal was received.
  - b. If no appeal is received, the student will be notified in writing that they are being recommended to ASU Graduate College for dismissal.
3. The student will be notified of the decision on the appeal.
  - a. If the appeal is granted by Director of Graduate Services, the student will be contacted in writing by program faculty and/or academic advisor to determine next steps.
  - b. If the dismissal is upheld the dismissal recommendation and all supporting documentation (including the student's appeal) will be forwarded to ASU Graduate College for review. ASU Graduate College has final say in dismissal.