

Academic Standards for the College of Graduate Studies

A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (four point grading system) in graduate coursework is required for graduation. Graduate students whose cumulative GPA falls below 3.0 during any semester will be placed on academic probation. Depending on the program, a full-time student on academic probation will have one or at most two semesters (excluding summers) to meet the cumulative GPA standard. A student failing to meet the standard will be subject to dismissal. A part-time student on academic probation will be required to meet the GPA standard after 12 additional credit hours of graduate coursework. A grade of C is the minimum passing grade for graduate courses. Therefore, any graduate course in which a grade below "C" or grade of "U" was earned will not be permitted on the Plan of Study. Grades of below "C" will continue to be counted in calculating the cumulative grade point average. Individual programs may offer a specific number of credit hours with earned grades of C or below to be repeated one time. Colleges are permitted to establish individual program course retake standards. However, such standards shall not exceed two courses up to a maximum of 12 credit hours. Both the original and repeated grades will appear on the transcript and be calculated into the cumulative GPA. Colleges/departments/degree programs may enact additional coursework grade requirements beyond the minimum standard established here by the Graduate Faculty. Graduate students shall be responsible to consult with the appropriate graduate degree program director for the applicable standards.

Grades of A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, D-, F, S, U, WP, or WF may be awarded depending on College/program/departamental policies. A limited number of graduate courses earn grades of S (Satisfactory) or U (Unsatisfactory) upon completion. A grade of S will be allowed for credit toward graduation but is not computed in the grade point average. A grade of U earns no credit and the course must be repeated to earn graduate credit but is not computed in the grade point average. The grade of PR may be awarded to indicate work in progress and courses with this grade will not be included in the GPA calculation. The grade of IN is assigned only under extraordinary circumstances when unexpected events prevent a student from completing the requirements of the course within the term of enrollment. The student must complete the required work before the end of the following semester (excluding summers) in which the IN grade was received; otherwise the grade will be converted to the grade of F by the Office of the Registrar. The student may initiate a request for an additional semester to complete the work for the grade (excluding summers). The extension is granted upon the approval of the faculty member and the associate dean of the college offering the course. Once the IN grade has been converted to F, the student must re-register and take the course again. The grade of IN will not be included in the GPA calculation. It is recommended that faculty set specific benchmarks for completion of the course or material each term, and regularly assign S, U or IN grades as appropriate instead of awarding a PR. Students may not graduate with a grade of U, IN, or PR on their Plan of Study. Students may not graduate with a grade of IN or PR on their transcript. A grade of WP (withdrawal passing) or WF (withdrawal failing), according to the status of the student at the time of withdrawal, will be assigned to students who withdraw after the university established withdrawal period at the discretion of the instructor. The grade of WP will not be included in the GPA calculation.

A grade of WF indicates that a student's work is unsatisfactory (grade of less than C), and will be included in the GPA calculation as a grade of F. Students may repeat courses with grades

WF or U subject to the maximum credit hour repeat limitation.

The above standards are effective beginning summer 2011 for all University of Toledo graduate students.

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Academic Fresh Start

A student who meets all of the criteria described below may petition the Vice Provost for Graduate Affairs and Dean of the Graduate College to remove from his/her graduate cumulative grade point average all those grades earned under the student's prior enrollment at The University of Toledo. The petition must first be approved through the appropriate academic college channels prior to submission to the Graduate College.

- Degree seeking graduate student.
- Had previous enrollment at The University of Toledo.
- Not enrolled at The University of Toledo for at least two years prior to current enrollment. Under exceptional circumstances a student may apply to the College of Graduate Studies for a waiver of the two-year rule.
- Maintain a current graduate grade point average of 3.00 or better for the first semester of re-enrollment if full-time or the first 12 credits of re-enrollment if part-time (not to exceed three semesters)

If the student's petition is granted, the following will apply:

- This policy only applies to the student's graduate grade point average. There is no impact on a student's earned hours.
- All University of Toledo grades will remain on the student's official, permanent academic record (transcript); this process will affect the cumulative graduate grade point average only. It will not remove evidence/documentation of the student's overall academic history at the university.
- No grades/credits from the student's prior graduate enrollment at the university may be counted toward the subsequent degree program requirements. Degree requirements may only be met by courses included in the calculation of the student's cumulative graduate grade point average at The University of Toledo. Thus, the student who successfully petitions for cumulative graduate grade point average recalculation under this policy automatically forfeits the right to use any of the excluded course work toward the current degree requirements.
- Credit earned from other institutions during the two-year period will not be accepted for transfer credit.

A student may exercise this graduate academic fresh start option only once, regardless of the number of times the student enters/attends a graduate degree program at The University of Toledo.

The Academic Fresh Start option applies only to students re-enrolling in the summer 2011 term or beyond. Students re-enrolling prior to summer 2011 are not eligible.