

# **Academic Probation Policy for HSS Graduate Programs**

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) is committed to fostering the academic success of its graduate students. As part of that commitment, students are expected to maintain good standing throughout their graduate studies in order to be successful following graduation. It is for that reason that the following Academic Probation Policy is being implemented as a standard to assist graduate students as they progress through their academic studies and help them maintain good academic standing.

## **Academic Standards**

In order to remain in good academic standing, a graduate student must maintain a cumulative grade point average of no less than 3.0 through the duration of their graduate studies.

Graduate students must also maintain a Semester GPA of 3.0 or better to remain in good standing.

Graduate students must receive the equivalent of a "B-" or better in all coursework.

For purposes of this policy, a "Semester" is equivalent to two (2) Sessions of accelerated program courses.

Graduate students who are suspended from school for academic reasons in accordance with this policy may appeal the decision in accordance with [Graduate Council Policies](#).

## Academic Standing - GPA

Academic Standing is based on a graduate student's semester and cumulative GPA as follows:

BEGINNING SEMESTER STANDING	SEMESTER GPA	CUMULATIVE GPA	ENDING SEMESTER STANDING
Good Standing	$\geq 3.0$	$\geq 3.0$	Good Standing
Warning (WA)	$< 3.0$	$\geq 3.0$	Probation Level 1 (P1)
	$\geq 3.0$	$< 3.0$	
	$< 3.0$	$< 3.0$	
Probation Level 1 (P1)	$< 3.0$	$\geq 3.0$	Probation Level 2 (P2)
	$\geq 3.0$	$< 3.0$	
	$< 3.0$	$< 3.0$	
Probation Level 2 (P2)	$< 3.0$	$< 3.0$	Required to Withdraw (RW)

Note: If a student transfers credit to Southern Utah University or is admitted on a provisional basis, they must attain at least a minimum 3.0 GPA before the end of their first semester. If they fail to do so, they will be required to withdraw from the graduate program.

## Academic Standing - Grades for Coursework

Academic Standing is also based on a graduate student's earned grade at the end of each semester as follows:

BEGINNING SEMESTER STANDING	SEMESTER GRADE	CUMULATIVE GPA	ENDING SEMESTER STANDING
Good Standing	$\geq$ B-	$>3.0$	Good Standing
Warning (WA)	$\leq$ B-	$> 3.0$	Probation Level 1 (P1)
	$\geq$ B-	$< 3.0$	
	$\leq$ B-	$< 3.0$	
Probation Level 1 (P1)	$\leq$ B-	$> 3.0$	Probation Level 2 (P2)
	$\geq$ B-	$< 3.0$	
	$\leq$ B-	$< 3.0$	
Probation Level 2 (P2)	$\leq$ B-	$< 3.0$	Required to Withdraw (RW)

A graduate student who is in a warning or probationary status for receiving a grade less than a B- in any given semester will be required to repeat the course in order to receive institutional credit for that course. They should consult their academic advisor immediately to re-work a graduation plan sufficient to put them back on track for graduation and discuss all options available in order to achieve good academic standing.

If a graduate student has been required to withdraw from a graduate program, they will not be permitted to enroll in courses for that program upon admission to another graduate program.

If a graduate student leaves the university while on probation, they will remain on probation when they return--even if in the meantime they have attended another institution. While on probation, students may be ineligible to receive financial aid and there may be restrictions pursuant to SUU Policy. For more information on these restrictions, see Financial Aid & Scholarships and the Southern Utah University [Student Rights and Responsibilities Policy](#).