

ACADEMIC STANDING, PROGRESSION AND DISMISSAL POLICY: POSTGRADUATE

Introduction

1. Good academic standing for postgraduate students is defined as a cumulative GPA of at least 2.000 (c) in at least 8 US/40 UK credits earned during the most recent semester.

General Principles

2. At the end of any semester, fulltime degree-seeking postgraduates and visiting students for more than one semester who have attained a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of less than 2.000 will be identified by the Academic Progress Committee and be advised that they have been placed on academic probation for the next semester.
3. Students on academic probation will not be allowed to progress to the Internship or Thesis courses. This may delay a students' graduation date. Students in the UK on a visa will need to apply for a visa extension in this case (a minimum two months ahead of the semester start) and the student must hold a valid student visa for the entire semester.
4. Failure to raise the GPA to 2.000 by the end of a second full semester will normally result in dismissal from the University for failure to progress academically.
5. Postgraduates re-admitted to the University on academic probation are treated as if their first semester of attendance is their first semester on academic probation.
6. Full-time postgraduates who do not earn 8 US credits over the two most recent semesters (including a semester of no study when not approved for a Leave of Absence) are at risk of academic dismissal.
7. Dismissal decisions are made each full semester, at the University Examination Board, upon the recommendation of the Academic Progress Committee.
8. Students academically dismissed from the University can appeal the decision to the Office of the Provost within ten working days of receiving it via email.
9. Students in the UK on a visa risk withdrawal of their right to remain if they fail to make acceptable academic progress. The University must report any visa-sponsored student dismissal to the UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI). Reporting must be done within 10 working days after the period for initiating the appeals process to the Office of the Provost has expired, or after an unsuccessful appeal.

10. Students dismissed from the University on academic grounds are not normally permitted to reapply for admission and will not be considered for further visa sponsorship.

VERSION MANAGEMENT

Responsible Department: RAQA			
Approving body: Academic Board			
Version no.	Key Changes	Date of approval	Date of effect
001		24 July 2018	28 August 2018
002	Substantial revision to align language with equivalent policy for undergraduates.	May 2020	August 2020
003	Updated minimum credits for good academic standing	May 2022	01 September 2022
004	Updates to good academic standing, minimum credits. Removal of course load. Removal of UK awards info.	June 2023	Sep 2023
005	Added visa extension consequences from delayed graduation. Removed summer class as not relevant for PG students. Updated wording on timeframe of reporting a visa.	July 2024	01 Sept 2024
006	Updated appeals deadline to 10 working days	July 2026	01 September 2026
		Restricted access? <i>Tick as appropriate</i> ☐ Yes ☒ No	