

3359-60-06.2 Graduate student standards.

(A) Grades.

(1) A student admitted to graduate study under any status at the university of Akron is expected to maintain a minimum grade-point average (GPA) of 3.00 at all times. A GPA of 3.00 or better is required for graduation. Any student whose average falls below 3.00 is no longer in good standing in the graduate school and considered to be on probation. No more than six semester credits of "C" (C+, C, C-) grades may be counted toward a graduate degree. In computing cumulative averages, "D" grades are treated as "F" grades. The dean of the graduate school, with the approval of the department head, may dismiss anyone who fails to make satisfactory graduate program progress or who accumulates six semester credits of "C" (C+, C, C-) or below. The accumulation of six semester credits of "F" will result in mandatory dismissal. A student dismissed from the graduate school for academic reasons may not be readmitted for one calendar year, and then only if a strong justification for improved academic performance is submitted and found acceptable.

(2) Official academic records are maintained with a grade-point system as follows:

Grade	Quality Points
"A"	4.0
"A-"	3.7
"B+"	3.3
"B"	3.0
"B-"	2.7
"C+"	2.3
"C"	2.0
"C-"	1.7
"D+"	0.0
"D"	0.0
"D-"	0.0
"F"	0.0

The following grades may also appear on the term grade reports or on the official academic record. No grade points are associated with the grades.

- (a) "I" - incomplete: indicates that the student has performed satisfactorily in a course but some part of the work is, for a justifiable reason, not complete at the end of

the term. Failure to satisfactorily complete and submit the missing work by the end of the following term, not including summer sessions, converts the "I" to an "F." When the work is satisfactorily completed within the allotted time, the "I" is converted to the grade the student has earned. (Note: If an instructor wishes to extend the "I" grade beyond the following term for which the student is registered, prior to the end of the term they must notify the office of the registrar in writing of the extension and indicate the date of the new extension termination.) It is the student's responsibility to make arrangements to make up the incomplete work. The faculty member should submit the new grade to the office of the registrar in writing.

- (b) "IP" - in progress: indicates that the student has not completed the scheduled coursework during the term because the nature of the course does not permit completion within a single term, such as work toward a thesis.
- (c) "PI" - permanent incomplete: indicates that the student's instructor and the instructor's dean have, for a specific reason, authorized the change of an incomplete ("I") to a permanent incomplete ("PI").
- (d) "WD" - withdraw: indicates that the student registered for the course but withdrew officially sometime after the second week of the term.
- (e) "NGR" - no grade reported: indicates that, at the time grades were processed for the present issue of the record, no grade had been reported by the instructor.
- (f) "CR/NC" - credit/noncredit: credit: indicates a student has shown graduate-level competence by satisfactorily pursuing a graduate course under the credit/noncredit registration option. Noncredit: Indicates graduate-level competence was not shown while pursuing a graduate course under the credit/noncredit option.

Any student whose grade-point average falls below 3.00 is no longer in good standing in the graduate school and will be placed on probation. In consultation with the college or department, as appropriate, the dean of the graduate school will dismiss full-time students who do not return to good academic standing within two consecutive semesters (excluding summers) and part-time students who do not return to good academic standing within fifteen additional attempted credits.

For the purpose of administration of the full-time and part-time provisions, refer to university rule 3359-60-06.4 of the Administrative Code. The dean of the graduate school, with the approval of the relevant department head may also dismiss anyone who fails to make satisfactory program progress or who accumulates six semester credits of "C" (C+, C, C-) or below. The accumulation of six semester credits of "F" will result in mandatory dismissal.

A student dismissed from the graduate school for academic reasons may not be readmitted for one calendar year, and then only if evidence for expecting satisfactory performance is submitted and found acceptable.

- (B) Repeating courses. Any graduate course may be repeated once for credit. The credit hour value and grade of the repeated course will replace those of the original course in computing the grade-point average. Required courses in which a "D" or "F" was received must be repeated.
- (C) Transfer students. A graduate student matriculated in the graduate school of another college or university who wishes to transfer to the university of Akron to continue graduate education must be in good standing at the other school.
- (D) Registration. The responsibility for being properly registered lies with the student, who should consult with the assigned adviser in preparing a program of courses and/or research. A schedule of courses, hours, class location and registration procedures is obtainable from the registrar.

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