Probationary Status:

**Master’s Degree or Certificate seeking program**

A student in a Master’s Degree or Certificate seeking program who does not maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or better will be notified that he or she is on academic probation. A student can be on probation for up to two semesters, during which time he or she must achieve grades sufficient to return his/her overall GPA to 3.0 or better. The student will be eligible to receive financial aid while on probation. Under extenuating circumstances, the period of probationary status may be extended. Failure to rise above probationary status will result in the student not being permitted to continue in the program. Except under extenuating circumstances, probationary status may only occur once during a student’s academic career in the Graduate School. Under no circumstances will a degree or certificate be issued to anyone who does not meet a 3.0 cumulative grade point average. Note that probationary status for Certificate students may be impacted by the two year time limit in place to obtain the certificate.

- A student whose performance is evaluated as Unsatisfactory in the Readings and Research Course (course number ending in 295), Capstone Project (course number ending in 297), Journal Club (course number ending in 298) or Master’s Thesis (course numbers ending 399) will be so notified in writing by the Dean of the Graduate School. The student must be counseled periodically by their program director and by the Dean of the Graduate School, with such counseling documented in writing. A student who receives a second evaluation as Unsatisfactory in any combination of these courses will be recommended for dismissal.

**PhD seeking program**

A PhD degree student with a cumulative GPA of less than 3.0 at the end of any semester will be notified that he or she is on probation. A student who is on probation will receive a stipend, where a stipend is involved, and will be eligible for all benefits normally provided to the graduate students in that program. Except under extenuating circumstances, probationary status may only occur once during a student's academic career in the Graduate School.

- A student who is on probation for two consecutive semesters (that is a student with a cumulative GPA of less than 3.0 for three consecutive semesters, not including the summer session) will be recommended for dismissal from the Graduate School. Under extenuating circumstances, the period of probationary status may be extended if approved by the Dean of the Graduate School.

- A student will be recommended for dismissal after only one semester on probation if it is mathematically impossible for the student to achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.0 by taking courses approved by the program during a second semester of probationary status.

- A student whose performance is evaluated as Unsatisfactory in the Readings and Research Course (course number ending in 295), Introduction to Biomedical Research (course 16210), or Doctoral Dissertation (course numbers ending 399) will be so notified in writing by the Dean of the Graduate School. The student must be counseled periodically by their program director and by the Dean of the Graduate School, with such counseling documented in writing. A student who receives a second evaluation as Unsatisfactory in any combination of these courses will be recommended for dismissal.