

# STANDARDS OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Students must demonstrate satisfactory academic progress toward completing their degree program. Satisfactory academic progress is evaluated at the end of each student's semester and is measured by the following standards:

## Grade Point Average

**Undergraduate Degree Program:** In order to be in good academic standing, a student must maintain a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale. If at the end of an enrolled academic semester the CGPA is below 2.0, the student is placed on academic and financial aid warning. If the student has a CGPA below 2.0 in any two consecutive enrolled semesters, the student is dismissed and is ineligible for Title IV HEA program funds.

**Graduate Degree Program:** In order to be in good academic standing, a student must maintain a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale. If at the end of an enrolled academic semester the CGPA is below 3.0, the student is placed on academic and financial aid warning. If the student has a CGPA below 3.0 in any two consecutive enrolled semesters, the student will be dismissed and is ineligible for Title IV HEA program funds.

For both undergraduate and graduate students academic standing is based on the official academic record at the time the standing was calculated. If a grade is changed, including resolving an incomplete, the final grade for the course may impact the academic standing. Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory, Hold ("H") and Remediation ("RM") grade designators are not included in the GPA calculation.

## Maximum Timeframe

Credit toward graduation must be earned at a rate that ensures successful program completion within an allowable timeframe. A student may attempt up to 1.5 times the number of credit hours in their current program of study. All credit hours attempted within the level of the student's current program, including transfer credit, are used in this calculation. Withdrawals, repeated courses, incompletes and Remediation ("RM") grade designators are counted in attempted hours. Dropped courses and courses with Hold ("H") grade designators do not count as attempted hours.

A student who attempts more than 1.5 times the number of credit hours in their program of study will be dismissed and is ineligible for Title IV HEA program funds.

## Rate of Progress

Credit toward graduation must be earned at a rate that ensures successful program completion within an allowable timeframe. A student's rate of progress, or pace, is assessed after every semester and is calculated by dividing the total number of hours the student has earned by the total number attempted. Based on the corresponding charts, the student must have completed the specified percentage established for the incremental ranges of attempted credit hours. For the MPAS program, a student must complete at least 66.6 percent of **all** attempted coursework. All credit hours attempted and earned within the level of the student's current program, transfer credit, are used in this calculation. Withdrawals, repeated courses, incompletes and Remediation ("RM")

grade designators are counted in attempted hours. Dropped courses and courses with Hold ("H") grade designators do not count as attempted hours. For the purpose of calculating maximum timeframe, a grade of "D" in a nursing or science course is included in the earned hours.

For more information on how Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grade designators are integrated into a course's final grade, see the Grading Scale section of this catalog.

A student who fails to maintain the minimum rate of progress toward graduation is placed on an academic and financial aid warning. If the student fails to maintain the minimum pace in any subsequently enrolled semester, the student is dismissed and is ineligible for Title IV HEA program funds.

## Undergraduate Degree Programs

### Cumulative Attempted Credit Hours and Pace

From	To	Pace Must Be At Least
0.1	15	10%
15.1	30	40%
30.1	60	60%
60.1	999	66.6%

## Graduate and Doctorate Degree Programs

### Cumulative Attempted Credit Hours and Pace

From	To	Pace Must Be At Least
0.1	9	10%
9.1	15	40%
15.1	27	60%
27.1	999	66.6%

**Note:** For the MPAS program, a student must complete at least 66.6 percent of **all** attempted coursework.

## Graduate Certificates

### Cumulative Attempted Credit Hours and Pace

From	To	Pace Must Be At Least
0.1	6	30%
6.1	999	66.6%