

## **POLICY ON ACADEMIC STANDING FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS**

- I. Purpose  
This policy defines the various classifications of academic standing for graduate students and information related to each status.
- II. At Governors State University there are five (5) categories of academic standing for graduate students:
  - A. Good Standing,
  - B. Probation I,
  - C. Probation II,
  - D. Suspension,
  - E. Academic Probation Extended.
- III. Graduate students are in good standing when they maintain a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
- IV. Students failing to meet the minimum cumulative grade point average for the first time are placed on Probation I during the semester immediately following the semester in which they failed to meet the established minimum.
- V. After enrolling for courses while on Probation I, if the student fails to achieve the minimum cumulative G.P.A., the student will be placed on Probation II for the next semester.
- VI. After enrolling for courses while on Probation II, if the student fails to achieve the minimum cumulative G.P.A., the student will be placed on Suspension for the next semester. Students may request readmission after being suspended by petitioning the Committee on Readmissions and Special Admissions (see policy 19 for additional information)
- VII. Academic Probation Extended is:

- A. *mandatory* for students who are readmitted to the University after having been suspended; or
  - B. *optional* for students who are currently on Probation I or II (and those who would be readmitted in either of these statuses). These students may petition their program to allow them to be moved to this status until they can achieve the required minimum cumulative grade point average. Moving to Academic Probation Extended would mean that as long as they obtain the minimum term grade point average each semester they will not be placed on Probation II nor Suspended.
- VIII. Students must be in good academic standing to apply for candidacy, as defined for graduate students in the Graduate Studies Policy (#16) and to graduate.