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### **Policy on Academic Probation and Dismissal**

In order to maintain good academic standing, every graduate student must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 for all courses taken at the University. A student whose cumulative grade point average falls below a 3.0 will be placed on academic probation by the Graduate School. The Graduate School will notify both the student and the Director of Graduate Studies of the student's program when a student is placed on probation. A student who is on probation requires the permission of the academic advisor and the Director of Graduate Studies to register for courses for each semester that she or he remains on probation. Probation will be lifted when the student achieves a cumulative GPA of 3.0. A student at the beginning of his or her graduate program whose GPA falls below 3.0 must raise it to 3.0 or above by the end of the semester in which his or her 15 hours of course work are completed, or be dismissed from the Graduate School. A student who has completed 16 or more hours of course work and whose cumulative GPA falls below 3.0 will also be placed on probation and will have one semester in which to raise his or her GPA to a 3.0. If the student does not achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.0 by the end of the following semester, she or he will be dismissed from the Graduate School.

This policy becomes effective August 31, 2005.