

### **Graduate Satisfactory Academic Progress**

Graduate students are considered to be making satisfactory academic progress if they maintain at least a 3.00 cumulative GPA and complete 66.67% of credits each term.

#### **GPA Requirements**

Candidates for a Graduate Degree (Master's, Specialist, or Doctoral) must maintain a 3.00 or higher grade point average in the major field, the total program, and all graduate course work taken at St. Cloud State University.

Candidates for Graduate Certificate Programs must maintain a grade point average of at least 3.00 in the course work taken in the program and at least a 3.00 GPA in all graduate course work taken at St. Cloud State University.

For Candidates in All Graduate Programs Courses in which a letter grade of I (Incomplete), IP (In progress), Z (No grade reported), W (Withdrawal), F (Failure), FN (Failure for nonattendance), FW (Failure for not withdrawing), or U (Unsatisfactory) is received will be treated as credits attempted but not successfully completed. Courses in which a mark of C-, D+, D, D-, is earned will count as credits completed but will not be accepted toward graduate program completion. **A grade of R (Registered) or RC (Research Continued) is considered satisfactory and not used in computing GPA or completion rate.**

If a course is repeated, both marks are used in determining the total grade point average.

A student who fails in the first course of a sequence **or in a prerequisite course** cannot take the following courses in that sequence until the course has been completed with a passing grade.

Continuation in the program of study may be denied at any time during the program by not maintaining the standard of scholarship of the University.

**Warning** notices will be sent to graduate students who have a cumulative grade point average of less than 3.0 and they will be placed on **warning** status. **Students are granted a maximum of nine additional new or repeated graduate credits to bring the cumulative grade point average into compliance. For part-time students the credits may be completed over a maximum of three consecutive terms.**

**After the completion of 9 additional graduate credits, students who are not in compliance but have achieved a GPA of 2.75 or higher may petition for up to 9 additional new or repeated graduate credits. Students with approved petitions remain in academic warning status. Only one petition for extension will be considered. No petitions will be considered for students completing 18 or more credits with a GPA of 2.74 or below.**

**Dismissal** letters will be sent to students who were placed on academic warning status and failed to bring the cumulative grade point average to a 3.00 or higher.

Graduate students whose records show less than a 3.00 average at the completion of the approved program of courses may be permitted to register for a maximum of nine additional semester credits to be earned in courses approved by the petition procedure. The nine additional credits will be designed with the adviser and may include both repeated and new courses. If, after the completion of these nine additional credits, the average is still less than a 3.00 the student will be dismissed from his/her program of study.

#### **Completion Rate Requirements for Candidates in All Graduate Programs**

Graduate students must complete at least 66.67 percent of all credits attempted at the University plus any credits accepted in transfer. **Following the attempt of nine or more graduate credits a student whose completion rate falls below 66.67 percent will be placed on warning status.** Warning notices will be sent to graduate students with a completion rate below 66.67 percent. **Students are granted a maximum of nine additional new or repeated graduate credits to bring the completion rate over 66.67%. If, at the end of the warning term, the student has completed 100 percent of credits for the term but has not raised the cumulative completion rate to the required minimum, the student may**

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**petition for up to 9 additional new or repeated graduate credits. Students with approved petitions remain in academic warning status. Only one petition for extension will be considered.**

**Dismissal** letters will be sent to students who were placed on warning status and failed to bring the completion rate to 66.67% or higher by the final term of warning status.

**Please note: The official form of communication at SCSU is email via the student huskynet address.**

## Current Bulletin Policy

### Standard of Scholarship (Provisional)

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Candidates for Graduate Certificate Programs must maintain a grade point average of at least 3.00 in the course work taken in the program and at least a 3.00 GPA in all graduate course work taken at St. Cloud State University.

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Continuation in the program of study may be denied at any time during the program by not maintaining the standard of scholarship of the University.

Graduate students whose records show less than a 3.00 average at the completion of the approved program of courses may be permitted to register for a maximum of nine additional semester credits to be earned in courses approved by the petition procedure. The nine additional credits will be designed with the adviser and may include both repeated and new courses. If, after the completion of these nine additional credits, the average is still less than a 3.00 the student will be dismissed from his/her program of study.

Graduate students must complete at least 66.67 percent of all credits attempted at the University. A student whose completion rate falls below 66.67 percent will be placed on probationary status for one semester or summer term. If, at the end of the probationary semester or summer term, the student has completed 100 percent of credits for the semester or term but has not raised the cumulative completion rate to the required minimum, the student will be granted one additional semester or term of probation. A student on probation who fails to raise the cumulative credit completion rate to the minimum during the probationary semester or summer term and, as appropriate, the additional one will be suspended from the university through the next semester.

A student who has been suspended may appeal for reinstatement.

(Note: Students should check their university e-mail accounts regularly to be aware of notices of their academic status.)

**Notification of violation** letters will be sent to graduate students who have a cumulative grade point average of less than 3.0 and they will be placed on probationary status. The letters sent to the student and the advisor will contain a **compliance date**. Students are granted a minimum of one semester to bring their cumulative grade point average into compliance or to file a petition for an extension of the deadline. All petitions must be filed prior to the compliance date.

**Dismissal** letters will be sent to students who were placed on probation and who failed to meet the deadline set in the notification of violation letter and whose cumulative grade point average is less than 3.0.