

Standard of Scholarship

Graduate students are considered to be making satisfactory academic progress if they maintain at least a 3.00 cumulative GPA.

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 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. The notices sent to the student and the advisor will contain a **compliance deadline**. **Students are granted a minimum of one term of enrollment to bring their cumulative grade point average into compliance. Students failing to return to compliance will be placed on probation and provided with a compliance deadline. Students placed on probation may petition for additional time to bring the GPA into compliance.**

Dismissal letters will be sent to students who were placed on probation and failed to bring the cumulative grade point average to a 3.00 or higher by the deadline set in the probation notice.

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 an attempt of nine or more graduate credits** a student whose completion rate falls below 66.67 percent will be placed on **warning** status **for one term of enrollment. The student will be sent a warning notice and compliance deadline.** If, at the end of the warning 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 placed on probation and provided with a compliance deadline. Students placed on probation may petition for additional time to bring the completion rate into compliance**

Dismissal letters will be sent to students who were placed on probation and failed to bring the completion rate to 66.67% or higher by the deadline set in the probation notice.

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