



## **ACADEMIC STANDING AND PROGRESS - Graduate Students**

The University expects each graduate student to maintain a level of academic achievement consistent with University standards and to make reasonable progress toward the completion of a chosen curriculum.

### **Academic Eligibility**

AUM may place a graduate student on academic warning if the student neglects academic work or makes unsatisfactory progress toward graduation. A graduate student may clear academic warning by elevating the cumulative grade point average at AUM to 3.0. Credits and grades earned at another institution may not be used to clear warning. A registration hold will be placed on students after the second and third posts of academic warning and the student must meet with their academic advisor to discuss plans to raise their GPA. Students with three posted academic warnings or a graduate program GPA below 2.51, may be dismissed and required to withdraw from the graduate program.

### **Good Standing**

A graduate student must have a 3.0 grade point average at AUM to be in Good Standing academically. Only work completed at AUM will be considered.

***Important Note:*** Students pending graduation must also have an overall GPA of 3.0 which includes transfer credit, to be eligible to graduate. Master-level Education majors seeking Alabama Department of Education certification must have a minimum 3.25 GPA and all Education Specialist majors seeking Alabama Department of Education certification must have a minimum 3.50 GPA to graduate.

### **Graduate Academic Warning 1**

A graduate student will be placed on Academic Warning 1 following a semester of Good Standing whenever the cumulative grade point average at AUM is less than 3.0. The purpose of this status is to alert students when their GPA has fallen below 3.0. Students are encouraged to meet with their academic advisor prior to registering for the next term.

### **Graduate Academic Warning 2**

A graduate student will be placed on Academic Warning 2 if the GPA continues to fall below 3.0 a second time. Students placed on a second semester of academic warning will have a hold placed on their registration and will be required to meet with an academic advisor before registering for classes.

### **Graduate Academic Warning 3**

A graduate student will be placed on Academic Warning 3 if the GPA continues to fall below 3.0 a third time. Students placed on a third academic warning will have a hold placed on their registration and will be required to meet with an academic advisor before registering for classes.

### **Graduate Dismissal**

If a graduate student's GPA fall below 2.51 or the student has had three posted academic warnings, the student may be required to withdraw from the graduate program. Final determination of dismissal from the graduate program will be determined by the Associate Provost for Graduate Studies in consultation with the appropriate program coordinator.

### **Eligible to Continue**

Students who are approved to continue enrollment following a third semester of academic warning or following a semester when their cumulative AUM GPA is less than 2.51, will be placed in an 'Eligible to Continue' status and will have their grades and GPA reviewed at the end of the subsequent term to determine academic standing.

### **Probationary Standing**

Graduate students admitted in probationary standing will continue in this standing until 12 semester hours have been attempted at AUM. A registration hold is placed on students for the purpose of monitoring. After attempting and successfully completing 12 semester hours with a 3.0 GPA, the student will be considered fully admitted and in good standing, academically.

Students who do not successfully complete 12 semester hours with a 3.0 grade will be denied full admissions.