

Dyson College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Programs

Academic Dismissal Policy

Except for non-matriculated students and those enrolled in a graduate program that has adopted its own probation and dismissal policies, usually, before being dismissed from a graduate program in the Dyson College of Arts and Sciences (“Dyson College”) students will have been on academic probation for one semester (the “Probationary Semester”) and failed to satisfy the condition of probation. As soon as practicable after the conclusion of the fall and spring semesters and the second summer session, the program director (or his or her designee) will review the status of each graduate student in the program who was on academic probation to determine whether the student satisfied the condition of academic probation at the conclusion of the Probationary Semester. Students who satisfied the condition of academic probation within the time permitted will be restored to good academic standing. Students who did not satisfy the condition of academic probation within the time permitted will be dismissed automatically from the program in which the student is enrolled.

There are, however, circumstances when students will be dismissed automatically without having been placed previously on academic probation.

A student whose cumulative quality point average (“CQPA”) falls below a 3.0 or a “B” average, and who will not be able to achieve a 3.00 CQPA by the conclusion of the Probationary Semester due to mathematical impossibility, will be dismissed automatically from the program. (See Dyson College *Graduate Academic Probation Policy*).

A student who qualifies for probation more than twice will not be placed on probation a third time and instead will be dismissed automatically from the program.

A student who fails to satisfy the condition of academic probation, or has a CQPA below 3.00 that due to mathematical impossibility cannot be raised to a 3.00 by the end of the Probationary Semester, or qualifies for academic probation more than twice, will receive written notice from the program director (or his or her designee) as soon as practicable that he or she has been dismissed from the program. However, dismissal is automatic if a student meets the criteria for dismissal and therefore is not contingent upon receipt of such notice. It is the student's responsibility to verify his or her academic standing before each semester and to make inquiries of the program director (or his or her designee) if clarification is needed.

A student who has been dismissed from a program pursuant to this *Academic Dismissal Policy* may appeal that dismissal in accordance with the Dyson College *Graduate Appeal of Academic Dismissal Policy*.

Effective September 1, 2016

The *Academic Dismissal Policy* may be changed from time to time at the sole discretion of the Dyson College of Arts and Sciences and such changes may be with or without prior notice. The *Academic Dismissal Policy* is not intended as, and shall not be construed as, a contract.