

Proposed Graduate Academic Calendar Change
Section: Repeating courses
Academic Council – November 15, 2016

Rationale:

The Office of Graduate Studies had dealt with students who receive an unsatisfactory performance in their project/thesis work during their probation status. The regulation states that they should maintain good standing and satisfactory performance in all project/thesis work undertaken during the probationary period. It did not provide information on what would happen to those students who did not receive a satisfactory performance while they held probationary status. This regulation has been amended to provide clarity.

Repeating courses

Students who fail one course are required to repeat the course or an approved alternative. If the failed course is designated as a mandatory course in the program, students must retake the same course. If the failed course is an elective course, students may be able to take an alternative elective course approved by the graduate program director. The approved alternative course or the second attempt of the failed course must be completed within 12 months of receiving the failing grade. Students who have a second failure are dismissed from the university.

All instances of a course appear on the academic transcript. The highest grade earned for the same course, or an approved alternative course, is used to calculate the student's GPA.

Students who fail one course are assigned probationary status and remain on probation until such time as they successfully complete the required course (within a maximum period of 12 months). They are required to maintain good standing (minimum B-minus grade) in all course work and satisfactory performance in all project/thesis work undertaken during this probationary period. The graduate program director or designate provides progress reports to the Office of Graduate Studies each term for the duration of the probation. Once the course in question has been completed successfully, the probationary status is removed.

Students who fail two courses, whether in the same term or in different terms, ~~and~~ students who do not repeat their failed course, or approved alternative, within 12 months and/or students who do not receive a satisfactory performance in all project/thesis work during their probation status are dismissed from the university.