ACADEMIC STANDARDS & ADVISING

Academic Standards

Grade Point Average

A student is required to maintain at least a B (3.00) average in all work attempted while enrolled in the Graduate School, and must have at least a 3.00 cumulative average to receive a graduate degree.

Nonacceptable Grades

1. A student who receives a grade of C or below in a course may petition to repeat that course once, provided the course has not been previously applied toward a degree.
2. Courses in which grades below B- (2.70) are received are not accepted for doctoral programs.
3. Courses in which grades below C (2.00) are received are not accepted for master's degree programs or for the removal of academic deficiencies.
4. Courses taken toward the fulfillment of requirements for graduate degrees may not be taken pass/fail.

Student Ethics

Students are expected to adhere to the highest codes of personal and professional ethics. Students who do not adhere to written guidelines regarding academic honesty and/or academic or research ethics may be dealt with according to the appropriate policy documents. Students found guilty of misconduct in any of these areas may have sanctions imposed, or may be dismissed from CU Boulder.

Probation

A student whose cumulative GPA falls below 3.00 is placed on academic probation. The student generally has two semesters in which to raise the cumulative GPA to 3.00 or above. If the student’s cumulative GPA is at or below 2.50, a dean’s administrative stop is placed on the student’s record, and the student may be withdrawn from course work for upcoming semesters. Individual departments may have specific probation requirements.

If, after the two-semester probationary period, the student’s cumulative GPA is still below 3.00 or if other conditions placed by the major department or Graduate School are not met, a dean’s administrative stop will be placed on the student’s record and he or she may be subject to dismissal.

A provisionally admitted student whose GPA falls below 3.00 has a dean’s administrative stop placed on his or her record pending a review by the major department and the Graduate School.

Graduate School Advising

Graduate students receive degree-specific advising from their academic department. Faculty advisors are assigned to students according to departmental policies.

The Graduate School provides information and guidance to students, staff, and faculty on many issues. These may include general Graduate School rules and policies, registration requirements, committee and general examination requirements, general academic standards, degree requirements which apply to all students and exceptions to general requirements.

The Graduate Student Services office can advise students regarding graduation requirements, deadlines and degree conferral, and provides information and advice on other issues at the Dean’s Office level.

For general inquiries, contact Graduate Student Services at gradinfo@colorado.edu or call 303-492-8220.