

Department of Biology
"Policy for Dealing with Scholastic Deficiency"

If a graduate student's cumulative GPR falls below 3.000 (on a 4.000 scale), he or she will be on scholastic probation and notified of this in writing by the Graduate Advisor. A copy of the memo will be sent to the student's advisor. The student will meet with his or her advisor and advisory committee to develop a plan to overcome the scholastic deficiency. The plan should include the course(s) to be taken and the grade(s) the student must receive to return to good standing with the department. A copy of the plan signed by the student and the advisory committee will be given to the Graduate Advising Office for the student's file. If the student has not yet chosen a major professor, he or she will meet with the Graduate Advisor to develop such a plan, a copy of which will be put in the student's file. The student will be given one semester (excluding summer terms) to raise his or her GPR above 3.000. If after one semester the student remains scholastically deficient, he or she will be informed of this in writing by the Graduate Advisor. The student may request the Graduate Program Committee (GPC) for a second semester of academic probation. If the request is denied or if after two additional semesters the student remains scholastically deficient, he or she will be asked to leave the graduate program and the GPC and Graduate Advisor will submit a request to the Office of Graduate Studies that the student be dismissed from the University for scholastic deficiency.