

## School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences

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**TITLE:** Good Academic Standing Policy

**POLICY:** The Graduate School in the Health Sciences defines a student in good academic standing as one who is making acceptable progress toward a graduate degree and who is eligible to register for and pursue academic coursework at UMMC for the current semester. All graduate students are expected to remain in good academic standing throughout the entire course of their study.

The minimum requirements for good academic standing established by the Graduate School are as follows:

1. A PhD student must maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher based on a four point grading scale or an 80% weighted numerical average.
2. A MS student must maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 2.8 or higher based on a four point grade scaled or a 75% weighted numerical average.

Under such a scale a grade of A is assessed 4 point, a B 3 points, a C 2 points, and an F 0 points. A grade of F is not acceptable for graduate credit but is included in the calculation of the student's GPA. A grade of C is not acceptable for graduate credit, and an overall GPA greater than or equal to 3.0 must be maintained. Students whose GPA falls below 3.0 after the first year, will be placed on academic probation and have 3 continuous semesters to raise their GPA to an acceptable level. Failure to do so will result in administrative withdrawal from the academic degree program.

Individual programs may have specific academic requirements in addition to those stated here. Academic requirements other than those imposed by the School of Graduate Studies are determined by the approval of the Dean.

**SCOPE:** All SGSHS students.