

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

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University Probation

A student with less than a 2.00 overall grade point average shall be placed on scholarship probation. Such probation will continue until the deficit is satisfied.

University Dismissal

A student with 15 or greater grade point deficits below a C average (2.00) shall be dismissed from the University. Upon readmission the student must achieve conditions for probationary status in order to remain at the University of Florida.

College of Pharmacy Probation and Dismissal

College of Pharmacy students are subject to University regulations which pertain to overall grade point deficits (scholarship probation and dismissal for academic reasons). In addition, students must make normal academic progress in the College's professional curriculum.

GENERAL ACADEMIC POLICIES FOR THE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

A student with a grade point deficit of 10 or less points below a C average in required pharmacy courses (exclusive of elective courses) shall be placed on College probation. The student shall be permitted one semester immediately following notification of probation (except the Summer Semester) to eliminate the grade point deficit and return to a C average in required pharmacy courses. Failure to do so shall mean dismissal from the College of Pharmacy.

A student on academic probation will be limited to the necessary minimum number of course hours required for that semester. A student on probation will not be permitted to seek or hold offices in any student organization or to represent the College of Pharmacy in any capacity.

A student who has been dismissed or has withdrawn from the College of Pharmacy and subsequently readmitted will be subject to the current curriculum and regulations on probation and dismissal.

A student who has a grade point deficit of 10.5 or more points below a C average in required pharmacy courses, exclusive of elective course work, shall be dismissed from the College of Pharmacy.

A student who is placed on academic probation for a second time must make up the grade point deficit points below a C average by the end of the probationary semester. A student shall not be placed on academic probation for a third time but shall be dismissed from the College of Pharmacy.

A student who is on academic probation is not permitted to withdraw or drop pharmacy classes unless approved to do so by the Academic Performance Committee.

A student will not be allowed to graduate until the conditions of academic or conduct probation have been satisfied.

A student must repeat all required pharmacy courses, exclusive of elective courses, in which an E grade was received. All repeat course work must be completed with a satisfactory grade prior to consideration for graduation.

Students must have at least a C average in required pharmacy courses prior to enrollment in clerkship courses, and make a C grade in selected coursework (pharmacotherapy IV and V).

Students are not permitted to enroll in clerkship courses unless they pass all coursework offered in the PharmD curriculum prior to clerkships.

A student who has completed the professional curriculum but who does not attain a minimum 2.00 overall grade point average in required pharmacy courses as well as a minimum 2.00 grade point average for all courses while enrolled in the College of Pharmacy shall not be considered for the Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

Academic Policies for Specific Course Sequences

Students must have at least a C average in all clerkships coursework attempted. Students must make at least a C grade in pharmacotherapy IV and V.

Academic Policies for Progression in the Professional Program

A student who does not attain at least a C average (2.0) in required pharmacy courses in the first professional year of study will not be allowed to take pharmacy courses required in the second professional year. Similarly, students in the second professional year of pharmacy studies must attain at least a C average in required pharmacy courses for that professional year in order to take required pharmacy courses in the third professional year. Likewise, a student in the third professional year must achieve at least a C average in required pharmacy courses exclusive of clerkships in order to enter into clerkship courses.

A student who does not attain at least a C average in required pharmacy courses in a professional year of course work will have one semester of academic probation to remove grade point deficits so that at least a C average in required pharmacy courses is achieved.

4 Grades Less than C Policy

A student who makes a total of four grades less than C (C-, D+, D, D-, E) or any combination of these letter grades in required pharmacy courses will be dismissed from the College of Pharmacy.

Dean's Honor Roll

Pharmacy students who achieve a 3.5 GPA in required pharmacy courses during a semester will be listed on the Dean's Honor Roll. Students must take at least 12 semester credits of required courses (excluding electives) to qualify for the academic honor. Students receiving an I, N or U grade during the semester will not be considered for the Dean's Honor Roll. Students in the third professional year in the spring semester are eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll with a minimum of 12 credit hours inclusive of two credits of pharmacy elective coursework.

Academic Honors (*Effective August 2004 for the graduating pharmacy class of 2008 and thereafter*)

Graduation with Cum Laude

- Completion of all pharmacy coursework in the Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum.
- A grade point average of 3.50 or higher in required pharmacy courses.

Graduation with Magna Cum Laude

- Completion of all pharmacy coursework in the Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum.
- A grade point average of 3.60 – 3.79 in required pharmacy courses.
- Completion of a project, submission of a report, and presentation via adherence to College of Pharmacy guidelines.
- Approval by the student's supervisor, the supervisor's department chair, and the Graduate Studies Council.

Graduation with Summa Cum Laude

- Completion of all pharmacy coursework in the Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum.
- A grade point average of 3.80 or higher in required pharmacy courses.
- Completion of a project, submission of a report, and presentation via adherence to College of Pharmacy guidelines.
- Approval by the student's supervisor, supervisor's department chair, and Graduate Studies Council.

Petitions - Appeals - Academic and Professional Standards Committee

All requests for waiver of regulations must be submitted in writing to the Academic and Professional Standards Committee. In many instances, the petition must be accompanied by written proof, (e.g., a letter from a physician or a copy of a court order, etc.). Failure to provide such proof may constitute grounds for denial of a petition. Faculty advisors can direct students in the proper procedure. An appeal of a committee decision shall be treated as a new petition with the provision that the student must submit further evidence of increased hardship or changed conditions for the appeal to be considered.

Academic and Professional Standards Committee

Each student is responsible for submitting his/her own petition. The Academic and Professional Standards Committee of the College of Pharmacy will act on all petitions concerning internal matters within the College of Pharmacy. The University Senate Committee on Student Petitions acts on all other matters. Students may seek guidance from the Office for Student Affairs in all matters concerning petitions. The Dean may review appeals on the decisions of the Academic and Professional Standards Committee.

Grades

| Grade Values | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-------------------|
| Letter Grade | A | A- | B+ | B | B- | C+ | C | C- | D+ | D | D- | E, I, NG, S-U, WF |
| Grade Points | 4.0 | 3.67 | 3.33 | 3.00 | 2.67 | 2.33 | 2.00 | 1.67 | 1.33 | 1.00 | .67 | 0.00 |

Student grades are permanently recorded in the Office of the University Registrar.

Passing Grades and Grade Points⁽¹⁾:

I Incomplete⁽³⁾

X Absent from examination, not in GPA⁽³⁾

⁽¹⁾ The degree-granting college may require a minimum grade of C in particular courses.

⁽²⁾ Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grade option.

⁽³⁾ A grade of I or X is not considered failing for the term in which it is received. If it has not been changed by the end of the next term for which the student is enrolled, it will be counted as a failing grade and used in computation of the student's grade point average. Note: I or X grades awarded to graduating students are calculated immediately as failing grades.

Other Grades - No Grade Points

N No grade reported

W Withdrew

H Deferred grade assigned only in a modular course or in exceptional circumstances as approved by the Office of the University Registrar.

Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Grade Option

Students may take elective coursework and receive a grade of S-satisfactory or U-unsatisfactory. Grades received under the S/U option do not carry grade point values and are not computed in the grade point average, but the grades do become part of the academic record.

Students may not elect the S/U grading option for elective clerkship courses.

Students should note that other academic institutions or agencies may interpret a grade of U as a failing grade in their grade point average computation.

To be eligible to enroll under the S/U option, a student must be in good standing, may not be on any type of probation; and must have approvals of the instructor and the department offering the course and the Dean of the student's college. Only one course per term ordinarily will be approved.

The deadline for electing the S/U option is the last day of drop/add. Students who elect the S-U option may request that their instructors later assign a standard grade; however, the instructor may **not** approve a change from standard grading to the S/U option past the drop/add deadline.

Grade Point Averages and Deficits

The term "average" as used in any University regulation, refers to the grade point average for work completed at the University of Florida. Grades received at other institutions are NOT averaged with grades received at the University of Florida for the purpose of meeting University average requirements.

Other agencies and honorary societies will compute averages in accordance with their own standards and policies.

Averages are determined by computing the ratio of grade points to semester hours attempted. A grade point deficit is defined as the number of grade points below a "C" average on hours attempted at the University of Florida. If the grade point average is less than 2.0, there is a grade point deficit.

Only grades higher than "C" will lower a deficit. Every credit of C+ earned removes 0.33 from a deficit (a C+ in a three-credit course removes 0.99 deficit points); every credit of B removes 1 deficit point; and every credit of A removes 2 deficit points.

Computation of a grade point deficit is dependent upon first calculating the grade point average. Multiply the total UF hours carried for a grade by 2 (for 2.0 GPA) and subtract the total grade points earned to determine the deficit.

Sample Calculation

| | Credits | Grades | Grade Points |
|-----------|---------|--------|-------------------|
| PHA 5541 | 4 | C | 8.0 |
| PHA 5100 | 3 | C | 6.0 |
| PHA 5560C | 3 | D | 3.0 |
| PHA 5727 | 4 | C | 8.0 |
| PHA 5433 | 1 | D | 1.0 |
| PHA 5237 | 1 | C | 2.0 |
| PHA 5941C | 1 | C | 2.0 |
| | 17 | | 30.0 grade points |

17 credits x 2 = 34

34-30 = 4 deficit points

Grade point average = 30/17 = 1.76