

Probation and Separation

A student will be dismissed/separated from a graduate program for receiving two or more grades below a B or failure to progress in one's graduate program (as indicated by one or more of the following conditions: failure of required degree program exams, failure to submit required paperwork in a timely manner, failure to meet with advisor or advisory committee as required, failure to successfully complete required classes, failure to successfully defend a thesis or dissertation prospectus, or failure to meet published degree requirements or milestones as listed in this Graduate Catalog). Graduate students will also be separated for failure to meet UNLV continuous enrollment requirements and for inappropriate or unethical conduct as reflected in the UNLV Student Conduct code and adjudicated by the UNLV Student Conduct board review process.

For the purposes of evaluating student progression, UNLV considers student performance in individual graduate classes, timely and successful completion of required milestones, as well as degree GPA. Degree GPA is distinct from overall Graduate GPA insofar as it only includes those courses that are necessary to meet a student's current degree program requirements as published in the Graduate Catalog at the time of their admission or at the time of their graduation. The Graduate GPA included on the UNLV transcript is cumulative and includes all graduate and professional coursework ever taken at UNLV; as such, it is not necessarily an indicator of a student's degree GPA.

If a student fails to successfully progress in their degree program, they will be placed on probation. Students on probation may be dismissed/separated from their program for failing to successfully meet the conditions of their probation by the deadline provided. Unsuccessful degree program progression is indicated by a failure to:

- maintain a minimum degree GPA of 3.0
- earn satisfactory grades (including no more than two incompletes, no grades below a B, or no repeated withdrawals from courses required for the degree program)
- maintain continuous enrollment by completing six (6) graduate credits each rolling three semesters (including summer) toward their program requirements
- consult with their advisor when requested
- establish a graduate advisory committee when required
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- develop and submit an official, approved degree program
- establish the groundwork for an acceptable thesis or dissertation, and successfully defend the prospectus
- complete required comprehensive and/or qualifying examinations
- meet a department milestone or pass the culminating experience
- successfully defend a thesis or dissertation
- meet approved requirements in their Department's Graduate Handbooks

The full [Student Program Dismissal Procedures](https://www.unlv.edu/graduatecollege/current), <https://www.unlv.edu/graduatecollege/current>, for the Graduate College can be found on the [Graduate College Website](#).

A UNLV graduate student who has been separated for academic reasons is not eligible for admission or re-entry. [The student must appeal to the Graduate College to be considered for academic reinstatement.](#)