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Provisional Graduate Students

An academic program may recommend that a student be admitted to the University as a provisional graduate student. This requires that the program stipulate conditions that the student must meet during the initial semester/term of enrollment. The student will remain in this provisional category for only one semester/term, and must meet all of the stipulated conditions during the initial semester/term to continue in the program. Students entering the University under this category register in the same manner as regular degree-seeking students. International students cannot be admitted into the provisional category.

A provisional graduate student must be reviewed by the academic program and the University at the end of the initial semester/term to determine whether the stipulated conditions were met. If the conditions were not met, the student will not be able to continue in the program. While in provisional status a graduate student must register for graded graduate-level coursework (5000-level or above; excludes S/U courses) commensurate with the load requirements of the program, and must earn at least an average of 3.0 for all graduate-level coursework taken.

A hold blocking future enrollment will be placed on the record of a student who fails to meet the stipulated conditions during the initial provisional semester/term; such students will be ineligible to continue in the academic program. Students who met the minimum requirements for admission to the University either initially or during the provisional semester, but failed to meet the program-specific conditions may subsequently seek admission to a different academic program as a degree or non-degree seeking student.

A provisional student who does not earn at least a 3.0 average during the initial provisional term is not eligible for probationary status in the subsequent semester. Otherwise, a provisional graduate student is subject to the retention and dismissal regulations appropriate to a regular graduate student. For information on non-degree classification, see the subsection on 'Non-Degree Students' in this chapter.

Commented [MNH1]: The revised language mostly clarifies what it means to categorize an applicant as an admitted provisional student and takes into account how we report students to the BOG and code them in Campus Solutions.

Commented [MNH2]: This sentence is the only policy change. The former policy stipulated 9 hours; the revision stipulates "commensurate with the load requirements of the program" and acknowledges that in some programs students pursue the degree part-time. The sentence also clarifies that the courses should be graduate-level courses.