

Policy for Maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress

The following conditions must be met by each student to maintain satisfactory academic progress. If the student is not considered to be making academic progress they will be recommended for dismissal from the Biological Design Graduate Program to the Office of Graduate Education. A student may appeal actions concerning dismissal by petitioning the Biological Design Executive Committee in the form of a written request.

- A.** A student must maintain a 3.0 or higher grade point average (GPA) in two specific areas: in all work taken for graduate credit (courses numbered 500 or higher) and in the coursework in the student's approved Plan of Study. Students will be placed on academic probation if either GPA listed above falls below 3.0. Students will be notified by mail when placed on academic probation. Students placed on academic probation must meet with their supervisory committee prior to the start of the following semester. A student can move out of academic probation by bringing all of the GPAs listed above to a 3.0 or better by the time the next nine credit hours are completed. Coursework given a grade of "Z" or "Y" such as research (BDE 792) and dissertation (BDE 799) cannot be included in these nine hours. A student will be recommended for dismissal from the graduate program if the student fails to increase both of the GPAs listed above to a 3.0 or better by the time he or she completes at least nine credit hours.
- B.** Students must have no more than one of the following grades in any semester: "C", "I", "W". If a student receives an "I", they must complete the requirements for the course and achieve a passing grade within one calendar year. Any 2 combinations of grades "C", "W", or "I", can result in termination from the program. Courses with grades of "D" and "E" cannot appear on the iPOS but will be included when calculating the Graduate GPA. Courses with an "I" grade cannot appear on the iPOS.
- E.** Students must pass the comprehensive examination before the start of the third year (unless the student needs to retake the comprehensive examination). If a student has not passed the comprehensive examination by this point, they are not considered to be making satisfactory academic progress.
- F.** Students must enroll in a minimum of 1 credit hour of BDE 792 research every semester (with the exception of the first, second, and final semester) and meet with their supervisory committee each Fall and Spring semester. The supervisory committee must agree the student is making satisfactory progress towards their dissertation research project.