MBA Student Probation

Policy 621
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In accordance with Graduate School policy, any student whose cumulative grade point average (GPA) falls below a “B” (3.00) average is placed on probation. Enrollment for one semester while on probation is normally permitted in order to remedy an unsatisfactory GPA. However, there are certain conditions in which an MBA student may not be permitted an additional semester, including the following:

- Any student who has achieved a first semester grade point average below 2.5 is subject to immediate dismissal from the program, with no probationary semester.
- Any student with an overall grade point average below a 2.7 at the conclusion of any subsequent semester is subject to immediate dismissal from the program, with no probationary semester.
- New students who entered the program on Provisional Status are required to attain a 3.0 their first semester. Provisional students who achieve less than a 3.0 may be denied a probationary semester.

Students showing satisfactory progress following the probationary semester may be permitted to continue in the program provided that certain criteria are met. The following outline describes the possible outcomes upon completion of the probationary semester.

1) Probation invoked after first semester in program, semester 2 completed under probation:

- If overall GPA at end of semester 2 is ≥ 3.00, probation is automatically lifted by the Graduate School.
- If semester 2 GPA ≥ 3.00, AND the student’s overall GPA is now ≥ 2.85, an additional probationary semester may be granted, subject to approval from the dean.
- If semester 2 GPA does not meet or exceed 3.00, or if the student’s overall GPA is below 2.85 at the conclusion of the second semester, the student in most cases will be recommended for dismissal from the program.

2) Probation invoked or continued after second semester; semester 3 completed under probation:

- If overall GPA at end semester 3 is ≥ 3.00, probation is automatically lifted by the Graduate School.
- If semester 3 GPA ≥ 3.00, AND the student’s overall GPA is now ≥ 2.95, an additional probationary semester may be granted, subject to approval from the dean.
• If semester 3 GPA does not meet or exceed 3.00, OR if the student's overall GPA is below 2.95, the student will in most cases be recommended for dismissal from the program.

3) Overall GPA is less than 3.00 at the end of semester 4:

• If overall GPA ≥ 2.98 and the student has not previously been on probation, the student will normally be permitted one probationary semester to remedy this unsatisfactory GPA.
• If the student’s overall GPA is below 2.98 OR the student has already completed one or more semesters on probation, then the student will in most cases be recommended for dismissal from the program.

Impact of Probation on Assistantships/Fellowships: Students may remain on assistantship and/or fellowship for only one semester of probation.

Probation Designation on Transcripts: Graduate student transcripts will show “Probation” for each semester the student has a GPA less than 3.0.

Pace: A student must have earned 75% or more of the cumulative credits attempted as of each term’s review date in order to continue studies. In so doing, the student will be deemed to have made reasonable academic progress provided satisfaction of the above GPA requirements. This measure is made at the end of each semester.

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