Doctoral Program Grade Deficiency Policy
College of Business

A doctoral student who receives a letter grade of D or F in any course in her/his program will be dismissed from the program immediately and her/his stipend will be revoked. The student may appeal for reinstatement to the program by following the procedure outlined in the university catalog. With a successful appeal the stipend may be reinstated if recommended by the Department Head and approved by the Associate Dean and the Dean of the College. Upon reinstatement, if the student earns a letter grade of D or F in a subsequent course, s/he will be immediately dismissed from the program. Following university policy, the student has the right to appeal to the graduate school but such an appeal generally would not be supported by the college.

If a doctoral student receives a letter grade of C in two or more course(s) in her/his program, s/he will be placed on academic probation. A doctoral student on probation must increase her/his cumulative GPA for all courses taken in the program to at least 3.0 within two quarters of being put on probation. A doctoral student on academic probation may also be required to re-take specific course(s) as determined by the student’s Department Head and Associate Dean. A doctoral student on academic probation may lose her/his stipend based on the recommendation of the Department Head and Associate Dean. If a doctoral student receives a letter grade of C in three or more courses in her/his program, s/he will be immediately dismissed from the program and lose her/his stipend. Following university policy, the student has the right to appeal to the graduate school but such an appeal generally would not be supported by the college.