

years before the date for completion of all requirements for the graduate degree cannot be used to meet total unit requirements except through validation as follows:

Out-of-date coursework may be validated only if such work has been approved previously on the Petition of Advancement to Candidacy. A maximum of one-third of required degree units may be validated by such means as are recommended by the department and approved by the graduate dean. Coursework from other institutions may not be validated. Courses with grades lower than B may not be validated.

The same time limitations and validation procedures noted above also apply to the completion of a Certificate of Advanced Study. The time limit for an advanced certificate is noted on the Proposed Program for the Certificate of Advanced Study form.

Doctoral students should consult with the appropriate program for policies on time limitations and related procedures.

## **Academic Standards for Graduate Degree Programs**

All graduate students will be held to the scholarship standards listed under Academic Regulations. The following provisions also apply to graduate degree programs:

**Conditionally Classified or Classified.** Students admitted to graduate degree programs in conditionally classified or classified graduate standing are required to maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of B (3.0) in all postbaccalaureate work taken subsequent to admission to the program.

**Advancement to Candidacy.** To be eligible for advancement to candidacy, students must earn a minimum B average (3.0) in all coursework listed on the Petition of Advancement to Candidacy. No course with a grade below C may be listed on the advancement petition and apply toward the graduate degree.

Once students have advanced to candidacy, they must maintain a minimum 3.0 program GPA, which includes only coursework listed on the advancement petition.

**298 or 299 Enrollment.** To be eligible for enrollment in the project (298) or thesis (299), students must have been advanced to candidacy and must have maintained a minimum program GPA of 3.0.

**Graduation.** To be eligible for the granting of the graduate degree, students must have been advanced to candidacy and have maintained a minimum program GPA of 3.0. In addition, grades must be posted in all courses taken, including those that are not part of the student's approved program, beginning with the earliest semester listed on the Petition of Advancement to Candidacy. Students may not graduate with an I, RD, or RP in any course on their records, beginning with the earliest semester listed on the advancement petition.

**Distinction.** To be eligible to receive the graduate degree with distinction, students must have earned a minimum 3.9 GPA on all program coursework (courses listed on the advancement petition).

Doctoral students should consult the appropriate program for information on academic standards.

## **Administrative Academic Probation (AAP)**

Students enrolled in graduate degree or certificate of advanced study programs may be placed on Administrative Academic Probation (AAP) for the following reasons: failure to maintain the minimum GPA of 3.0 required by the California State Education Code, Title 5; repeated failure to make progress toward the graduate degree; or failure to comply with an academic requirement or regulation that is routine for all students or for a defined group of students.

Students are required to maintain a minimum 3.0 postbaccalaureate cumulative GPA prior to advancement to candidacy (or program approval for advanced certificate students), and a minimum 3.0 program GPA after advancement (or program approval). Students who do not maintain the required GPA will be placed on AAP.

Doctoral students should consult the appropriate program for the program policy on administrative academic probation.

## **Academic Disqualification**

A postbaccalaureate student whose cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 at any time will be disqualified from the university.

Students may also be disqualified by the program for any of the following reasons: repeated withdrawal, failure to progress toward an educational objective, or noncompliance with an academic requirement. In addition, only those students who