1. Good academic standing: To maintain good academic standing and to meet the requirements for graduation, a student must demonstrate acceptable performance in course work after being admitted to a graduate program. This requires a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.00 or higher in all graduate course work. Furthermore, good academic standing requires satisfactory progress in the overall graduate program. The student’s advisor or graduate advisory committee may render judgments as to whether satisfactory progress is being made toward the degree, taking into account all aspects of academic performance and promise, not necessarily course work alone. Departments may recommend termination of a student's graduate status at any time if the student is not making satisfactory progress toward the degree. Examples of unsatisfactory progress may include, but are not limited to, inadequate GPA, inadequate research and/or research skills, failure to obtain satisfactory grades in required courses for the program, or failing the candidacy, comprehensive, or final oral examination.

2. Academic Warning: Any student who has attempted 18 or fewer credit hours and has less than a 3.0 overall GPA will be given an academic warning. Students on academic warning may not enroll in more than 9 semester credit hours.

3. Academic Probation: Any student who has attempted more than 18 credit hours and has less than a 3.0 overall GPA will be placed on academic probation for the subsequent regular (non-summer) semester. A student on academic probation will be required to
improve his/her overall GPA to 3.0 or higher by the end of the probationary semester. Students on academic probation may not enroll in more than 9 semester credit hours.

4. Dismissal: A student on probation who fails to improve his/her overall GPA to 3.0 or higher by the end of the probationary period may be dismissed.

Departments may also recommend dismissal of a student at any time if a student:
   a. is conditionally admitted and fails to meet the conditions of his/her admission;
   b. is not making satisfactory progress toward the degree, for example, inadequate progress on research projects, failure to obtain satisfactory grades in required courses, or failing the candidacy, comprehensive, or final oral examination;
   c. receives an “F” grade on two attempts in a required course;
   d. fails to maintain continuous registration without an approved leave of absence;
   e. fails to complete program requirements in the maximum allowed time for the degree; or
   f. is guilty of ethical misconduct or violates the North Carolina A&T State University’s Student Handbook.

5. Readmission after Academic Dismissal: A student who is dismissed for academic reasons will be eligible to submit a new application after one academic year and may be admitted only upon the recommendation of the major department chair or graduate coordinator and with the approval of the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies. While on academic dismissal, students are not eligible to take courses.

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