

ACADEMIC DISMISSAL POLICY

Academic Dismissal is incurred if the cumulative GPA falls to 2.50 or below after twelve credits of graduate coursework or when the academic record shows a failure to progress towards degree completion. Academic Dismissal may also be the consequence of an Academic Integrity violation (see Graduate Academic Integrity Policy) or it may be the course of action recommended as a result of a Professional Competence or Professional Disposition Review.

Dismissals are noted on the transcript and result in the student being deregistered, removed from their academic program of study, and withdrawn from the college. Important note for F1 or J1 international students: The International Student Programs office will advise you regarding the impact on your visa status and options.

Reapplication

Except in cases of Academic Dismissal based on Academic Integrity violations (for which readmission is not allowed), once dismissed, a student may not reapply to the same graduate program but may apply for readmission to a different graduate program.

1. Application for readmission to a different graduate program requires, in addition to all regular admission requirements for the program, that the student submit a **Readmission Reflection Essay** in which they address the conditions of their prior dismissal, reflect on what has changed since that dismissal, and articulate a compelling case for why they are likely to succeed in the new program.
2. Any student granted readmission to a different graduate program will have as a condition of readmission the contingency that they must achieve a 3.0 or higher in all coursework in the first semester of their readmission or they will be dismissed again. Students who have been dismissed twice may not matriculate into any other Graduate degree program at SUNY New Paltz.
3. Students who are granted readmission to a different graduate program will have the opportunity to apply for academic forgiveness for up to 9 credit hours from their original graduate program. The application will be reviewed by a **Graduate Readmission Academic Forgiveness Sub-Committee** of the Graduate Council which will take into account factors such as: length of time since the original grade, relevance of the course to the student's new graduate program, and other mitigating factors such as illness or personal crisis during the semester in which the low grade(s) was/were earned.