

# Scholastic Requirements

## Academic Requirements

**Grade Point Average (GPA):** Each student must have an overall graduate grade point average of 3.0 or better for all graduate courses undertaken at The University of Alabama. Grades below “C” count in computing the GPA but do not carry credit toward a degree. Grade point averages are computed on the following grades: “A,” “B,” “C,” “D,” “F,” “N,” and “I.” Grades of “P,” “W,” “NA,” “NC,” and “NG” do not count toward the GPA. In computing the GPA, an “I” or “N” counts as an “F” until replaced by the earned grade. All “I” and “N” grades must be removed within the first four weeks of the next term of enrollment if the overall GPA drops below a 3.0 as a result of the “I” or “N” grade(s).

Students must earn a B or better in a required course. Students earning a C or lower in a required course will be allowed one chance to repeat the course. Students must receive a B or better when repeating a required course. The first attempt will not be counted toward the degree but will be counted in the overall GPA. Additionally, students must earn a B or higher in a minimum of 18 credit hours taken within the nutrition department.

**Seventy-five Percent Rule:** At least 75 percent of the hours taken must have been completed with grades of “A” or B” at The University of Alabama. In applying this 75 percent rule, a maximum of 6 hours of thesis research may be counted, if appropriate.

**Repeating Courses:** Regular courses (courses other than IDGR assistantship, thesis, dissertation, etc) typically may not be repeated for graduate credit; this includes courses initially taken on an audit basis. However, a course that is required in a student’s curriculum in which the student earned a “D” or “F” may be repeated once. Both grades contribute to the computation of the GPA. Only required courses where the student has received a B or better will be counted toward the degree requirements. Federal regulations limit the number of times a student may repeat a course and receive financial aid for that course. Questions about these regulations should be addressed to the [Student Financial Aid Office](#).

## Academic Warning and Dismissal

Students may be dismissed from this program for failure to meet the scholastic requirements listed above. Departmental suspension (dismissal) from a degree program also results in suspension from the Graduate School.

**Unconditional Admission (Regular Admission):** A graduate student with good academic standing whose GPA drops below 3.0 at any time after earning 12 semester hours will have earned **Academic Warning**.

**Academic Warning:** A student placed on Academic Warning has the next 12 hours of graduate work to raise the overall GPA to 3.0 or better. The overall GPA after the next 12 hours following academic warning must be at least 3.0 to avoid **Academic Suspension** (dismissal) from the Graduate School.

The department may dismiss a student from a degree program if there is unsatisfactory