

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE – GENERAL

General Note

Students are responsible for ensuring that they meet all degree and program requirements. The advisor (and if appropriate co-advisor), advisory committee, and department/unit must ensure that each student follows Faculty of Graduate Studies and department/unit guidelines and meets all program requirements. The Faculty of Graduate Studies performs a final check of Faculty of Graduate Studies minimum requirements for each student just prior to graduation. Students are cautioned, therefore, to periodically check all regulations with respect to their degree requirements. Failure to meet all the requirements will render a student ineligible to graduate.

Departments/Units may make recommendations with respect to the regulations concerning minimum academic performance; however, enforcement of academic regulations rests with the Faculty of Graduate Studies. The following procedures apply to recommendations made by departments/units:

The department/unit is responsible for informing the Faculty of Graduate Studies when a student's performance is unsatisfactory in research or coursework and the department/unit must outline any recommended remedial action(s).

The department/unit must notify the student of the deficiency and of its recommendation.

If the student fails to satisfy any remedial action recommended, the student may be required to withdraw from the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Note:

When a graduate student is required to withdraw from a program of study, the notation on the academic record will be: "Required to withdraw".

A student who has been required to withdraw from a graduate program may be permitted to apply for admission to another graduate program only if the application for admission is approved by the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Voluntary withdrawal from a program is only permitted if the student is in good academic standing.

Recommendations of departments/units will supersede student requests for voluntary withdrawal.

Bona Fide Academic Requirements (BFAR)

The following Bona Fide Academic Requirements (BFAR) represent the core academic requirements a graduate student must acquire in order to gain, and demonstrate acquisition of, essential knowledge and skills. Students must also meet additional requirements that may be specified for their program.

Students must meet requirements as outlined in both BFARs and Supplementary Regulation documents as approved by Senate.

Unless otherwise indicated, students may elect to complete any/all of the following requirements with or without appropriate and authorized assistive technology/aids. Students must consult Student Accessibility Services (SAS) regarding authorization for these procedures.

BFAR Statement	Taught	Assessed
Student must successfully complete a co-operative experience or practicum, if required by their program.	Master's GRAD 7030	GRAD 7030
Student must successfully complete a comprehensive exam, project, studio exhibition, or equivalent, as required by their program and determined by the assigned examining committee.	GRAD 7010 GRAD 7050 GRAD 7090 GRAD 7200	GRAD 7010 GRAD 7050 GRAD 7090 GRAD 7200 Examining/ Adjudication Committee
Student must produce a recorded/published thesis commensurate with degree being sought.	Master's GRAD 7000 Doctoral GRAD 8000	GRAD 7000 GRAD 8000
Student must successfully defend their thesis (where required), as determined by the assigned examining committee, in real-time.	Master's GRAD 7000 Doctoral GRAD 8000	GRAD 7000 GRAD 8000
Student in doctoral program must complete a candidacy exam (or equivalent) as required by their program and determined by the assigned examining committee.	GRAD 8010	GRAD 8010
Student must demonstrate knowledge of the University of Manitoba's policy on academic integrity, plagiarism, and cheating.	GRAD 7500	GRAD 7500

<p>Student must conduct research in a safe and ethical manner, referring to their respective ethics board and supervisor(s) to ensure respect is maintained for: human dignity and/or animal welfare; vulnerable persons; informed consent; justice and diversity; confidentiality and privacy; beneficence and non-maleficence in the work that they conduct.</p> <p>Student must complete coursework as required by their program.</p>	GRAD 7300	GRAD 7300
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Individual unit BFARs available on the Graduate Studies website. (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/student-experience/core-academic-requirements/#all-bona-fide-academic-requirements>)

Academic Performance

Student progress shall be reported **at least** annually, (but not to exceed once every four (4) months), to the Faculty of Graduate Studies on the “Progress Report” form (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/forms/>).

Students who fail to maintain satisfactory performance may be required to withdraw on the recommendation of the Graduate Chair and/or department/unit Head to the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies on the “Progress Report” form. Students who receive two (2) consecutive “in need of improvement” or one (1) “unsatisfactory” rating will normally be required to withdraw from the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the notation on the student record will be “Required to withdraw”.

Performance in Coursework

A minimum degree grade point average (DGPA) of 3.0 with no grade below C+ must be maintained to continue in the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Departments/Units may specify, in their supplementary regulations, standards that are higher than those of the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Students who fail to maintain the specified grades will be required to withdraw unless a department/unit recommends remedial action. Any such action must be approved by the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

A student may be permitted to remove deficiencies in grades by repeating the course or replacing it with an equivalent substitute course. In the event that a substitute course is used for remediation, the substituted course must be at the same or higher level as the failed course (e.g., at the graduate level for a failed graduate-level course). Each failed course may be repeated or replaced only once, to a maximum of six (6) credit hours of coursework. If a course is repeated or replaced, the highest grade obtained will be used in the determination of the degree grade point average. Students receiving a grade of “C” or less in more than six (6) credit hours of coursework are normally required to withdraw, unless otherwise stated in the department/unit’s supplementary regulations.

Students are normally expected to complete remedial action by the end of the subsequent term.

Graduate students are not permitted to repeat a previously passed course, unless the department/unit recommends that course(s) be re-taken if they have lapsed or expired (refer to Master’s Degree General Regulations (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/masters-degrees-general-regulations/#Lapse-Credit-Courses>) and Doctor of Philosophy General Regulations (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/doctor-philosophy-general-regulations/#Lapse-Credit-Courses>)).

Note:

In exceptional circumstances, the department/unit may appeal to the Faculty of Graduate Studies for approval of remedial recommendation(s) falling outside those prescribed above.

Supplemental exams are not permitted to students in the Master’s or Ph.D. program, unless otherwise stated in the department/unit’s supplementary regulations.

A summary of all actions taken administratively are to be reported, in summary form, to the Faculty of Graduate Studies Executive Committee.

Mandatory Academic Integrity Course

All students, including those in a Pre-Master’s program, are required to register for and complete GRAD 7500 Academic Integrity Tutorial (0 credit hours) within their first term of initial registration. Université de Saint-Boniface graduate students may choose to complete GRAD 7500 or the French-language equivalent, GRAD 7501.

Failure to complete this course will result in suspension of registration privileges and a grade of “F/NP” being assigned to the course which may lead to being “Required to withdraw” from the graduate program.

Notes:

Students who successfully complete GRAD 7500 at the Master’s level are not normally required to repeat the course at the Ph.D. level so long as no more than one (1) term separates one graduate degree program from another graduate degree program.

Students on an exceptional/parental/regular leave of absence must register in GRAD 7500 upon return from leave if it has not already been completed.

Visiting and Occasional students are not expected to complete GRAD 7500. For further information see GRAD_7500 FAQ (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/student-experience/core-academic-requirements/#grad-7500-academic-integrity>).

Mandatory Research Integrity Online Course

All students, including those in a Pre-Master’s program, are required to register for and complete GRAD 7300 prior to applying to any ethics boards which are appropriate to the student’s research or within the student’s first year, whichever comes first.

Failure to complete this course will result in suspension of registration privileges and a grade of “F/NP” being assigned to the course which may lead to being “Required to withdraw” from the graduate program.

Notes:

Students who successfully complete GRAD 7300 Online Course at the Master's level are not normally required to repeat the course at the Ph.D. level so long as no more than one (1) term separates one graduate degree program from another graduate degree program.

Students on an exceptional/parental/regular leave of absence must register in GRAD 7300 upon return from leave if it has not already been completed.

Visiting and Occasional students are not expected to complete GRAD 7300. For further information see GRAD_7300 FAQ (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/student-experience/core-academic-requirements/#grad-7300-research-integrity>).

Graduate Focus on Aging Concentration

The Graduate Focus on Aging Concentration is available to any interested student who is enrolled in the Faculty of Graduate Studies and whose graduate work is concentrated in aging. To be eligible, a "Student intention to receive the Graduate Focus on Aging Concentration (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/forms/>)" form must be submitted to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Masters or Doctoral students must complete the requirements of the program to which they have been admitted and the requirements of the Graduate Focus on Aging Concentration.

The Graduate Focus on Aging Concentration requirements include:

1. Six (6) credit hours of graduate (7000-level or higher) courses that focus on aging and are approved by the student's Advisory Committee;
2. A thesis/practicum on an aging-related topic;
3. Having at least one Advisory committee member who is officially affiliated with the Centre on Aging as a Research Affiliate (<https://umanitoba.ca/centre-on-aging/research/affiliates/>); and
4. Participating in the annual Spring Research Symposium of the Centre on Aging at least once as a poster presenter.

Graduate students may be able to attain their 6 credit hours of courses within the existing course requirements of their graduate program. Students must attain a minimum grade of C+ (or higher, if stipulated in the department/unit supplementary regulations), for the required 6 credit hours of aging courses.

Graduate students who are not in a thesis/practicum-based program will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Student progress in the Graduate Focus on Aging Concentration would normally be discussed with the student's Advisory committee, and progress documented on the "Student Intention to Receive the Graduate Focus on Aging Concentration (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/forms/>)" form which must accompany the Progress Report form submitted to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. The final Graduate Focus on Aging Concentration Completion (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/forms/>) form must be submitted no later than at least one week prior to the FGS deadline for graduands to submit theses/practica and other reports.