

# ACADEMIC STANDING

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Understanding that theological education requires significant investment of time, energy, money, and other resources, the School of Divinity strives to empower students to complete the MA program in a timely fashion.

When students struggle to make satisfactory academic progress, the School implements strategies to help students achieve academic success. When those strategies fail, or it becomes clear that a student is not well positioned to complete the MA degree, the School may elect to dismiss a student from the MA program. Dismissal is unfortunate, but it always reflects a concern for the student's financial, personal, spiritual, and vocational well-being.

Students are in good academic standing when they earn satisfactory or higher grades in courses they undertake (without failing courses or failing to complete them), earn a minimum term GPA of 2.33 in any semester, maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5, and make significant progress toward the completion of the MA degree. Students who fail to reach these benchmarks will be placed on academic review or academic probation in the following semesters until these benchmarks are reached or until failure to reach these benchmarks results in dismissal from the MA program.

- Academic Probation (<https://bulletin.wfu.edu/divinity/academic-programs-policies-procedures/ma-rel-academic-policies/academic-standing/academic-probation/>)
- Academic Review (<https://bulletin.wfu.edu/divinity/academic-programs-policies-procedures/ma-rel-academic-policies/academic-standing/academic-review/>)
- Process for Initiating and Concluding Academic Review and Academic Probation Status (<https://bulletin.wfu.edu/divinity/academic-programs-policies-procedures/ma-rel-academic-policies/academic-standing/process-initiating-concluding/>)