Policies

Graduate students are governed by policies established by the university, the Graduate School, and the student's department, division or program. Therefore, the policies identified here and elsewhere in this Bulletin are not to be considered a complete list. However, every attempt has been made to identify the location of those policies that affect most or all students in the Graduate School.

In this Bulletin, the University Policies (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/about/policies/) page covers many of the policies that apply to both graduate and undergraduate students, specifically in the areas of nondiscrimination, student health, student conduct, academic integrity, intent to graduate, and academic records and transcripts. In addition, it refers to the university’s Compliance and Policies (https://wustl.edu/about/compliance-policies/) page. Graduate students should follow that page’s links to the Information Technology, Computers and Internet Policies and to the Intellectual Property and Research Policies; most of the former and many of the latter will apply to all graduate students.

The Graduate School website has a Policies & Procedures (http://graduateschool.wustl.edu/policies-procedures/) page that includes links to the full text of several of its policies, including those related to the following:

- Academic and professional integrity for graduate students
- Alcohol service at events sponsored by graduate student organizations
- Consensual faculty-student relationships
- Dissenting votes at a dissertation defense
- Involuntary leave
- New child leave
- Part-time employment
- Probation and dismissal for academic reasons
- Student grievance procedures
- Time off
- Transfer of credit

Please note that the majority of these policies cover the same topics as quite different versions found elsewhere in the Bulletin or on the university’s website but that are applicable only to undergraduate students. Reviewing these documents through the Graduate School website is the best way to guarantee access to the relevant policy for graduate students.

The minimum GPA requirements needed to maintain eligibility for Satisfactory Academic Progress are dictated by the specific program of study. In each case, per the requirements of 34 C.F.R. 668.34(a)(4)(ii), the federal student aid program requires a minimum of a C average to maintain eligibility for aid, but an individual degree or certificate program may have a higher minimum GPA for federal Satisfactory Academic Progress. The minimum GPA for good standing in the Graduate School is 3.0.