Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders
Academic Standards

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) Department supports and adheres to Academic Standing policies of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research. These policies are outlined in the FGSR Graduate Program Manual available at: https://www.ualberta.ca/graduate-studies/about/graduate-program-manual/section-7-administration-of-graduate-programs/7-4-academic-standing.

In addition to FGSR policies, the CSD Department has set additional requirements, as follows:

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**Academic Probation Policy**

A recommendation for Academic Probation will be made to FGSR in the following circumstances:

- First failure of an MScSLP academic or clinical course
- Recommendation of a “Borderline Pass” in a clinical course
- Cumulative GPA below 3.0

The recommendation to FGSR will detail the time period of the probation, typically at least one academic term, and the desired conditions of the probation. Procedures related to Academic Probation will follow FGSR guidelines and are outlined in the FGSR Graduate Program Manual available at: https://www.ualberta.ca/graduate-studies/about/graduate-program-manual/section-7-administration-of-graduate-programs/7-4-academic-standing/7-4-2-academic-probation

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**Academic Standards for Thesis and MSc/PhD students**

Student enrolled in the Thesis-based track in the MScSLP program and students in the combined MSc/PhD program will be governed by the Academic Probation Policy of the CSD Department. In addition, these students will be required to maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.3.

If a student’s cumulative GPA is below 3.3, the student may be required to change tracks.

- Students in the Thesis-based track may be required to change to the Course-based track.
- Students in the MSc/PhD program may be required to change to the MScSLP Thesis-Based or Course-Based track.

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