

The M.A. Program in Philosophy
Colorado State University
Satisfactory Progress Toward the M.A. Degree

To maintain good academic standing in the M.A. program in philosophy, students are expected to make satisfactory progress toward the degree. A student who is not making satisfactory progress toward the degree may be placed on academic probation or dismissed from the graduate program. If circumstances arise that may affect a student's ability to make satisfactory progress toward the degree, the student is responsible to discuss these matters with his or her graduate advisor(s) and the Director of Graduate Studies. Students should be aware of the standards and policies regarding their academic standing in the graduate program, including those outlined in the *Graduate and Professional Bulletin*.

Minimal Standards for Satisfactory Progress

Students must maintain a cumulative 3.00 grade point average (GPA) in all regular and non-regular coursework. Students who fail to meet this requirement will be placed on academic probation by the Graduate School and are subject to dismissal from the program if their cumulative GPA does not reach 3.00 by the end of the probationary period and/or if the Graduate Committee determines that their progress toward the degree has not improved adequately. The probationary period extends for one semester beyond the one in which this status is acquired. See the *Graduate and Professional Bulletin* "Scholastic Standards".

The following guidelines reflect reasonable milestones of satisfactory progress toward the degree by the end of each semester.

Semester 1: Complete at least 6 total credit hours of graduate coursework and/or remedial philosophy coursework.

Semester 2: Have completed at least 15 total credit hours of graduate coursework and/or remedial philosophy coursework and find a permanent advisor who will serve as chair of the student's graduate committee.

Semester 3: Have completed at least 21 total credit hours of graduate coursework and/or remedial philosophy coursework.

Semester 4: Have completed 30 total credit hours of graduate coursework for Plan A (Thesis) or 33 total credit hours of graduate coursework for Plan B (Examination).

In order to make satisfactory progress toward the degree, students are expected to complete all work for Incomplete courses by the first day of the subsequent semester. After one year or at the end of the semester in which the student graduates (whichever comes first), an Incomplete will be automatically changed to an 'F' unless the course has been previously completed.

The Program of Study for the M.A. in Philosophy is designed to be completed in two years, and students normally complete all degree requirements in two years. Students are expected to complete all degree requirements in no more than three consecutive years of starting the program. While the rate at which students complete their thesis research or examination preparation will vary, all students are expected to make continuous and notable progress on their degree requirements while enrolled in the program.

For students who attend the graduate program part-time, standards for satisfactory progress will be adjusted accordingly.

Students who fail to meet the above standards will be sent a notification and reviewed by the Graduate Committee in consultation with relevant faculty members. Upon the review, the Graduate Committee may recommend dismissal from the program, retention in the program with conditions, or retention in the program without conditions.