

MFGEN Graduate Student Evaluations

Graduate Students “must be making satisfactory progress towards a degree” in order to maintain active graduate student status.

Under federal guidelines, “satisfactory progress” is assessed accordingly:

Qualitative – Is the student doing well academically with passing grades?

Quantitative - What is the rate of progress, and is it achieved within a reasonable time frame?

Maximum time frame – What is the maximum allowable time frame allowable for achieving satisfactory progress?

The academic performance of graduate students is evaluated twice annually.

Three rating categories can be assigned:

“U” for *Unsatisfactory*

“M” for *Marginal*

“S” for *Satisfactory*

Evaluation Criteria for a Satisfactory Evaluation Rating

Qualitative

- Maintain a 3.0 program GPA
- Complete and adhere to any admission provisions

Quantitative

- Submit Program of Study by end of 1st full semester
- Submit Prospectus or have defense date set by end of 2nd full semester
- Demonstrate to chair consistent and significant progress on thesis and research
- Attended 8 seminars in the Graduate Seminar Series for 2 semesters

Maximum time frame

- Complete degree within 3 years

Graduate students at BYU with a current unsatisfactory evaluation will not be eligible to receive federal aid and applications for federal aid will be denied. Graduate students in the SoT with a current marginal or unsatisfactory rating will not be eligible for department scholarships.

Students who have been given less than a satisfactory evaluation will be notified in writing explaining the evaluation and expectations for satisfactory progress. Receiving two consecutive evaluations of marginal or an unsatisfactory not followed by a satisfactory will result in termination of a student’s graduate status. Graduate students who have been evaluated as “Unsatisfactory” will be given at least 30 days to respond in writing before their graduate status is terminated.

In addition to a marginal or unsatisfactory rating, the SoT may place a hold on a graduate student for failure to create a program of study in a timely manner or for other reasons. A hold may block registration for the next semester and the release of a diploma and transcript.