

Section 6: General Information

6.1 Academic Standards

Graduate students will earn degree credit completed at a grade level of C or above, but the student's average on all courses attempted for graduate credit which are to be applied to degree completion must be at least a B. Additionally, the student's grade on all courses numbered 700 or above, that are to be applied to degree completion, must be no less than a B. Grades earned on credits transferred from other universities do not count in the grade point average. Grades earned below the grade of a C do not transfer to Coastal Carolina University. Students who receive grades below a B on 12 credits of degree-required graduate course work at the University within a 6 year period are suspended from degree candidacy status and are not permitted to enroll for further courses even as non-degree students, without the specific written approval by the Office of Graduate Studies. After a grade below a B is 6 years old, it will cease to be a disqualifying factor.

A grade below a B in any core course will result in discontinuation of assistantships (e.g. graduate assistantship, research assistantship) beginning with the following semester after receiving such a grade. This will also result in loss of in-state tuition rate. Students may petition this action by stating their case to the SCMSS Graduate Programs Committee in a meeting arranged by the SCMSS Graduate Programs Coordinator.

6.2 Time period – Maximum/Minimum Time Period Allowed

A student is expected to obtain a degree in accordance with the requirements set forth in the regulations in force at the time he/she is admitted to degree candidacy, or under subsequent regulations published while he/she is enrolled as a degree candidate. However, a student is restricted in his/her choice to the requirements of one specific catalog. Students have a period of 6 years inclusive and continuous in which to claim the rights of a specific catalog.

6.3 Academic Discipline

Graduate Infractions of academic discipline at the University are dealt with in accordance with the Code of Student Conduct and Academic Responsibility. Examples of such infractions include but are not limited to cheating, plagiarism, and illegal use of old laboratory reports. Further information is contained in The Student Handbook, Office of Student Services or the Office of the Provost.