

## **Terms for Continued Support**

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Besides demonstrating competence in his/her teaching and research assignments, graduate assistants should also demonstrate satisfactory progress toward his/her degree in a timely manner in order to continue receiving financial support from the department. Permission from the graduate advisor is required before signing up for any undergraduate courses.

Students in the following three categories are considered as low performing, and their support will be terminated.

- 1) A Masters student who has been in a Masters program for more than two years without receiving a Masters degree.
- 2) A student who has not completed the Ph.D. Preliminary examination requirement before the start of his/her fourth full academic year in the department.
- 3) A student with a Masters degree in either Mathematics or Statistics from another institution who has not completed the Ph.D. Preliminary examination requirement before the start of his/her third full academic year in the department.

Students in the following categories are also considered as low performing, and they will be put on probation.

- a) Any student who registers for an undergraduate course without the permission of the graduate advisor.
- b) Any student receiving a grade C or lower from a graduate or undergraduate level course.
- c) Any student who has not registered for at least 10 hours for the duration of each long semester.
- d) Any student who has not registered for at least 6 hours for the duration of each long semester in accordance with their degree plan. This rule does not apply to those who have already satisfied the course requirements in their degree plan. Students who have not filed a degree plan are required to register for courses based on the advice of the graduate advisor.
- e) Any student who has not chosen a dissertation/thesis/report advisor by the start of their second full academic year and filed a degree plan.
- f) Any student who is deemed to be incompetent in their teaching assignments. The degree of incompetence is determined through the number and seriousness of complaints and faculty evaluation of their teaching performance.

The probationary period will be two long semesters.

Any student who is on probation is expected to demonstrate satisfactory progress towards their degree in accordance with their degree plan, and demonstrate competence in their teaching assignments during each of the two long semesters. If the student falls under any

of the categories a – f during his/her probationary period, then their support will be terminated.

**International Teaching Assistants**

In addition, an international student who has twice failed the English certification exam for ITAs (International Teaching Assistants) will either be supported for 10 hours, or be unsupported for the following semester/s until they pass the exam, depending on the decision of the graduate advisor.

These rules will be enforced starting from the Fall semester of 2012.

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Printed Name