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Academic Standards for Progression and Graduation

The course of study in the School of Pharmacy (SOP) is four academic years leading to a Doctor of Pharmacy degree (PharmD). The required professional coursework is organized in a prescribed, non-negotiable, sequential manner. All students have a P-designation identifying their year in the program (P1, P2, P3, P4). Required professional courses (PHCY courses) from any national or international pharmacy programs will not be applied to the UW PharmD degree. Courses taken as S/U, including electives, are usually considered unacceptable in fulfilling program requirements. Auditing courses for credit towards the PharmD degree is also not allowed.

The academic standards herein described are expected to be followed by all students admitted to the professional program. Any violation will constitute grounds for probation or termination from the professional program and will delay progression towards advanced coursework. A leave of absence may be necessary in cases where poor academic performance is due to a medical or personal hardship. The student may appeal sanctions related to violations of the academic standards and decisions that result in probation and termination in the program. Appeals start at the School level, followed by College and University levels, according to policy.

Academic Standards

**PROGRESSION**

1) Students must receive a grade of C or better in all 146 credit hours of coursework completed while in the professional program.

2) For progression, students must earn a GPA of 2.0 or better in both University coursework and professional program courses each semester and cumulatively.

3) Students must complete at least 12 hours of coursework applicable to the pharmacy degree during each semester while in good standing.

4) Required pharmacy coursework successfully completed with a B or better prior to admission to the program is not automatically applied to the PharmD degree. The student may petition that coursework be applied to the program, but must replace those credit hours with additional elective courses.

5) Incompletes must be completed prior to progression into the next academic semester and will halt progression in experiential coursework.

6) Students who earn a D or lower in any experiential coursework will have their rotation sequence halted.

7) A professional pharmacy program course can be repeated only once.

8) A maximum of three required courses are allowed to be repeated during the degree program.
**PROBATION**
Probation is a period of time in which the student is allowed to continue in the program under supervision. Students that do not meet academic standards and are placed on probation will have to submit a petition that includes an individualized plan of study for the next semester. This plan must be developed by the student in agreement with and signed by the academic advisor. The petition will be reviewed by the Student Affairs Committee (SAC), which will send a recommendation to the Dean for approval or denial.

9) A grade of D or lower in any course (core or elective) during the professional program constitutes failure to progress to the next semester and P-designation, and probationary status will be required for continuation in the program.

**TERMINATION**
10) Failure to meet any academic standards for two semesters (not necessarily consecutive) in didactic and/or experiential coursework results in automatic termination from the professional program.
11) Failure of two experiential courses, not necessarily consecutive, results in termination from the professional program.
12) All academic requirements in the program must be completed in a maximum of 6 years. Students shall be terminated from the program if graduation is not achieved at the end of the 6th year from their official admission date to the professional program.

**GRADUATION**
13) Graduation with a PharmD degree requires a cumulative GPA of 2.50 in coursework taken as a professional student (both total University coursework GPA and required professional program GPA) and the successful completion of 146 hours of coursework.