2.3 Conditions and Eligibility for Merit Awards

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(A) Academic Performance

The Laney Graduate School sets the minimum standards a student must meet for satisfactory academic performance. Programs may establish more stringent standards. The Laney Graduate School defines unsatisfactory academic performance as follows:

- A GPA in any semester of less than 2.7, or
- Receipt of a grade of F, IF, U or IU in any course, or
- Receipt of two or more incompletes in a semester, or an incomplete in one 9 credit hour course.

A student whose academic performance is deemed unsatisfactory will be placed on probation for one semester. During the probationary semester, the student must receive no failing grades, must reduce the number of incompletes on his or her record to one, and must attain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.7. During the probation, the student will not be allowed to take incompletes in any courses without permission from the Laney Graduate School. A student who fails to meet the above conditions will be placed on probation for a second semester. The Laney Graduate School will terminate a student who merits a third consecutive probationary semester unless the program provides written justification for the student's continuation and the Laney Graduate School grants approval.

Any student who meets the conditions of probation described above will be reinstated to good standing. The reinstatement happens automatically and the student will not be notified of the action. The Director of Graduate Studies or Program Director should discuss with the student the terms and conditions of probation and of reinstatement to good standing.

(B) Due Progress

A student will be considered to be making due progress toward the degree if she or he is in good standing and meets one of the following conditions:

The student maintains through the academic year a minimum registration in the fall, spring, and summer terms of at least 9 graded term hours with a cumulative GPA of 2.7. Withdrawals do not count.

The student is within an officially awarded extension period and meets the registration requirement stated above.
The student has been granted an officially awarded leave of absence by the Dean.

(C) Registration Requirements

Doctoral students must maintain full-time registration of at least 9 graded term hours in the fall, spring, and summer terms. Doctoral students who do not maintain continuous enrollment may lose eligibility for subsequent Laney Graduate School merit awards.

(D) Employment Restrictions

The terms of a merit award made by the Laney Graduate School may prevent a student from gaining employment. A student should consult with his/her Director of Graduate Studies or Program Director and obtain the permission of the Dean of the Laney Graduate School before accepting employment of ten or more hours a week while receiving a merit award.

(E) Tax Liability

The tax treatment of scholarships, fellowships, grants, awards, or stipends may vary for each student. Students should consult the IRS for information about taxes. Emory University does not offer personal tax advice. Emory University recommends seeking professional tax counsel whenever necessary.

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