

UAMS PhD in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSDP) Dismissal Policy

Care is taken during the admission process to accept students who demonstrate good potential to complete all academic courses, the qualifying examination, the dissertation, and who have the *essential skills* necessary for the PhD in Communication Sciences and Disorders. Students will be evaluated on a semester and yearly basis. Students admitted to the program need to be aware of the following conditions that result in dismissal from the doctoral program and the policies for appeal.

- **A GPA below 3.0 that is not raised to 3.0 or higher with the next 9 hours of coursework.** The 9 hours of coursework must be approved by the student's Program Advisory Committee prior to registration. If at the time the student is placed on academic probation (for an average lower than 3.0) it is mathematically impossible for the student to raise his or her GPA to 3.0 with 9 additional hours of approved graduate coursework, the student will be dismissed from the program.
- **A grade of "D" or "F," in any CSDP course.** If a student receives a grade of a "D or an "F" in a CSD PhD course (excluding collateral and statistics courses), the student will immediately be dismissed from the program regardless of overall GPA. (Note: If a student makes a grade of "D" or "F" in a collateral or statistics course, the course will not count toward program requirements and the student will be required to either retake the course or, as determined by the student's Program Advisory Committee, take an additional course to meet program requirements.)
- **A grade of "C" in any two CSDP courses.** If a student receives a grade of "C" in a CSD PhD course (excluding collateral and statistics courses), the student will receive a letter stating that obtaining one additional "C" in a program course will result in immediate dismissal from the program.
- **Failure to pass the Candidacy/Qualifying examination.** If a student does not pass the Candidacy/Qualifying Examination, the student will be dismissed from the program.
- **Failure to complete the dissertation within seven years of passing the Candidacy/Qualifying examination.** Students have seven years to complete their doctoral work after they have passed the Candidacy/Qualifying examination. If the work is not complete at that time, the student will be dismissed from the program.

- **Lack of progress toward completion of degree.** If the members of the student's Program Advisory Committee determine that the student is not making consistent satisfactory progress toward degree completion (i.e. failure to follow policies in the CSDP Student Handbook or the UAMS Student Handbook), the student can be dismissed from the program.
- **Inability to demonstrate or maintain the essential skills needed for program admission and continuance as set forth in the document, "Essential functions of Doctoral Students for Program Admission and Continuance."**

Appeals Policies

Grade: To appeal a grade, the student must follow the policy for appealing that is associated with the institution through which the course was offered.

Dismissal: To appeal dismissal, the student must follow the procedures outlined in the current UAMS Student Handbook.

The UAMS Ph.D. in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSDP) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, marital status, disability, disabled veteran or Vietnam era veteran status. When requested, the University will provide reasonable accommodation to otherwise qualified students with properly certified disabilities.