

V. ACADEMIC STANDING

A. **Standard.**

- a. **Residential Students.** A “Fail” grade in any required course, or failure to meet the minimum GPA at the end of any semester, will place a graduate candidate within jurisdiction of the Committee of Academic Standing and Success (CASS)
- b. **Online Students.** A “Fail” grade in any required course, or failure to meet the minimum GPA at the end of attempting eight credits, will place a graduate candidate within jurisdiction of CASS.

B. **CASS Review**

CASS will review the candidate’s academic record and written academic plan to determine the probability of academic rehabilitation, will provide written direction on how the candidate may repair their academic standing, and will specify in writing the consequences of continued failure to meet standards.

C. **Option for Master’s Degree**

Residential and Online LL.M. candidates who are unable to meet the minimum GPA requirement will be offered the option of a Master’s degree if they meet that program’s requirement.

D. **Committee Plan for Remediation; Academic Dismissal.**

1. The committee may permit online LL.M. and Master’s degree candidates under its jurisdiction to continue one additional semester beyond the semester in which they attempted their eighth credit if there is reason to believe the candidate may be able to reach minimum standards by the end of his or her next eight credits of studies.
2. If the residential candidate is unable to meet minimum GPA and credit requirements at the end of the additional semester permitted under (a), above, the candidate will be academically dismissed from the LL.M. or Master’s program. If the candidate holds a US JD and cannot meet the minimum 3.0 GPA requirement, but meets the 2.0 GPA requirement, the candidate will be awarded the Master’s degree.
3. If the online candidate is unable to meet minimum GPA requirements at the end of the additional eight credits permitted under (b), above, the candidate will be academically dismissed from the LL.M. or Master’s program. If the candidate holds a US JD and cannot meet the minimum 3.0 GPA requirement, but meets the 2.0 GPA requirement, the candidate will be allowed to continue as the Master’s candidate.
4. Any graduate candidate subject to the terms of any academic probation must satisfy such terms or be automatically dismissed from the program.