CRITERIA FOR SATISFACTORY PROGRESS FOR THE PH.D. DEGREE

To be considered to be making satisfactory progress as a graduate student, a Ph.D. candidate must:

1. Complete a minimum of 15 chemistry/biochemistry credit hours within the first two semesters of graduate study with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0.

2. Continue to maintain a cumulative 3.0 average for all courses taken; in computing this average, all research course grades are excluded from the average.

3. Choose a research advising professor and begin research prior to the end of the 1st semester of graduate study.

4. For Chemistry students: undergo the candidacy examination for advancement to Ph.D. by October 15th during the 3rd year of graduate studies, and thereafter make satisfactory progress in research as judged by the major professor and confirmed by the Graduate Program Committee.

   For Biochemistry students: undergo the candidacy examination for advancement to Ph.D. by May 31st during the 2nd year of graduate studies, and thereafter make satisfactory progress in research as judged by the major professor and confirmed by the Graduate Program Committee.

5. For Chemistry students: pass 6 cumulative exams by the end of the 4th semester.

6. International students: pass the M.E.I. exam by the end of the second semester of enrollment in the program. Financial support for the second semester of enrollment may not be available for students who have not received at least a conditional pass by the start of this semester.

A student who fails to meet specified requirements after any given semester will be placed on probation and will receive notification from the department. However, termination may result after any semester in the program if the Graduate Program Committee determines that improvement in performance in the subsequent semester cannot put the student in good academic standing. Any requirements not satisfied after the first two semesters in the program will result in termination unless the advising professor requests, and the department approves, probationary status. Probationary status will be granted one semester at a time. All requests for probation must be initiated through and approved by the advising professor prior to the first department meeting of the affected semester.

Policies in force at the time of enrollment in the program are the accepted policies. The requirements for the degree and the criteria defining satisfactory progress toward it are subject to change, with the approval of the Graduate Program Committee. When any substantive change is made, students then in the Ph.D. program will have the option of continuing under the new requirements, or under those that were in effect when their program was started. Students who are not registered for a full semester or longer become subject to requirements in effect when they re-enter.