Graduate School guidance on processes for progression of pathway students to matriculation into master’s degree programs.
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There are two conditions to consider:

1) Has the student met the pathway progression benchmarks (B or better in all academics and English proficiency)?
   • The most frequent academic problem encountered so far is whether the student earned a B or better in all courses taken while in the pathway.
   • Monitoring of pathway requirements for English proficiency is handled by International programs.

2) Does the student require a provisional admission? There are two criteria that can lead to a provisional admission status: lack of demonstrated English proficiency (based on TOEFL/IELTS testing or B or better in WSU academic English courses) AND/OR a GPA < 3.0.
   • A qualifying non-provisional GPA can be achieved in two ways:
     o An undergraduate GPA > 3.0
       ▪ Strictly speaking this is based on the last 60 semester hours or last 90 term hours, but for expediency in evaluation, the cumulative GPA is often used.
     o Establishing a WSU graduate GPA (gGPA) based on at least six credit hours at the 500-level
       ▪ NOTE: for determining non-provisional admission, performance as a graduate student, in the establishing a gGPA in 500-level course work, takes precedence. As described below in Scenario A, if an INTO student with an UG GPA < 3.0 establishes a gGPA >3.0, admission is not provisional. Conversely, if an INTO student has an UG GPA > 3.0, but his/her WSU gGPA is < 3.0, s/he will require provisional admission.
   • The Washington Student Achievement Council requires a 10% cap on provisional admission offers to graduate students.
     o The Graduate School tracks the number of provisional admission offers made at the program level. The Graduate School can consider requests for exceptions to the 10% cap for an individual program in the context of the total provisional admission offers made system-wide.
     o To request an exception to the policy on the 10% cap, programs must submit a memo to request provisional admission in order for students to be considered for provisional entry. The memo should document the specific circumstances of the individual student that justify the exception to policy.
CoP = INTO-specific Change of Plan form, requires departmental signature, necessary for all students progressing from pathways

> B in all classes

- Yes
  - cGPA is ≥ 3.0
    - Yes
      - Established gGPA?
        - Yes
          - ≥ 6 credits at 500-level
            - No
              - < six 500-level credits
                - cGPA ≥ 3.0?
                  - Yes
                    - Is UG GPA ≥ 3.0?
                      - Yes
                        - Progress
                          - Department must sign CoP
                        - No
                          - Progress IF department signs off on CoP; student did not meet a progression requirement. Not a provisional admit.
                      - No
                        - Progress IF department signs off on CoP (student did not meet progression requirement) & provides a memo requesting provisional admission.
        - No
          - gGPA ≥ 3.0?
            - Yes
              - Remain in pathway
                - Must improve gGPA
            - No
              - Progress IF department signs off on CoP; student did not meet a progression requirement. Not a provisional admit.
    - No
      - Is UG GPA ≥ 3.0?
        - Yes
          - Progress
            - Department must sign CoP & provide provisional admission memo
        - No
          - Progress IF department signs off on CoP; student did not meet a progression requirement. Not a provisional admit.
  - No
    - Established gGPA?
      - Yes
        - ≥ 6 credits at 500-level
          - No
            - < six 500-level credits
              - cGPA ≥ 3.0?
                - Yes
                  - Is UG GPA ≥ 3.0?
                    - Yes
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