Students Who Do Not Maintain Faculty Standards in Courses

1 Background

Graduate Faculty rules state:

While “B–” is the minimum passing grade in any one course for students in the Faculty of Graduate Studies, a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.00 must be maintained in each year of program.

A student who receives a grade of “B–” or lower in two or more courses may be required to withdraw regardless of his/her overall GPA in the program.

A department may recommend to the Faculty of Graduate Studies that a student be required to withdraw for lack of satisfactory progress in either course work or research.

The Faculty of Graduate Studies, after consultation with the Department and/or supervisory committee concerned, may initiate the withdrawal of a student.

2 Department Guidelines

Based on these rules and other directives produced by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, the following guidelines will be used by Computer Science. From most severe to least severe, here is what happens when graduate students receives the following grades.

- **GPA less than 3.0 in the current year OR B- in two or more courses, regardless of GPA.**
  The graduate administrator will bring this to the attention of the Computer Science Director, Graduate Affairs. The Director will notify the student and the supervisor. After consulting them about any mitigating circumstances and reviewing the student’s file, the Director will make a recommendation to the Graduate Faculty.

- **C+ or less in a course**
  This is considered a failure. According to regulations their course cannot count. The graduate administrator may send a warning email to both the graduate student and the supervisor notifying them of this failure, where this set of guidelines will be attached to the email notifying them of faculty / department policy.

- **B- in a course, with GPA of 3.0 or higher in the current year.** The graduate administrator may send a warning email to both the graduate student and the supervisor notifying them of the faculty / department policy, where this set of guidelines will be attached to the email.