Finance Department

Grade Point Average

At the end of the Spring term of every year, each student’s grade performance for the previous twelve months will be reviewed. A student who does not achieve at least a B average for all courses taken or reported during that twelve month period (including final grades for incompletes for previous work) will normally be asked to leave the Program. For purposes of computing an average, the grade suffixes "+" or "-" count as one third. A student achieving less than the B average described above must submit a written statement in support of his or her continuation in the program. Failure to initiate the written appeal results in an automatic withdrawal from the program by the start of the next academic year. The Departmental Coordinator is responsible for seeing that the faculty in the student’s concentration or program review the student’s performance and make a recommendation as to whether the student should be permitted to continue in the program. They will also determine what conditions, if any, must be met over and above the School’s and the program’s usual requirements. The faculty’s recommendations should then be passed on to the Vice Dean of the Doctoral Programs, who will determine whether the student is to be terminated or not. Permission to continue will be granted only under the most extenuating circumstances and only when the actual average is quite close to B.