

Academic Contract – Graduate Student College of Communication

Student's Name _____ BU ID# _____
(please print name clearly)

I, _____ understand that I must maintain a GPI (semester grade point index) of 3.0 or higher in order to remain a student in good standing at the College of Communication.

Academic Probation, Suspension and Scholarship

If, at any time, I fall below that standard, or receive grades below a B- in 8.0 course credits per semester, I also understand that my department will review my status and I may be placed on academic probation or suspended.

I will be subject to review by my department if I receive more than two C grades. Any grade of a D or below will not count toward my degree.

If, after my first semester of coursework, I have a 2.5 GPI or below, I may be subject to permanent expulsion from the University.

I further understand that in order to maintain any COM merit based scholarship I must remain a full-time student in good academic standing. I must maintain a 3.0 or higher GPI (each semester) and my overall GPA must also stand at a 3.0 or higher.

Graduation Applications and Degree Requirements

Applications for graduation must be filed with the Student Services Office, room 123, one year prior to my expected graduation date.

As a degree-seeking student, I must complete all degree requirements within seven years from the date of my first course registration.

All graduate students must have a 3.0 overall GPA in order to graduate.

Full-Time and Part-Time Status

I am considered a full-time student if I am registered for 11.5 or more credits per semester. Unless authorized by my department via an overload form, I cannot take more than 18.0 credits per semester.

If I am registered for fewer than 11.5 credits in a semester, I am considered a part-time student. As a part-time student, I am not eligible for most financial assistance and I am paying tuition on a per-credit basis. Unless I am an international student, I can declare part-time status for any semester by notifying the Graduate Services Office, room 112. If I am an international student, I must remain a full-time student unless it is my final semester.

All entering full-time students can be considered for financial assistance. However, I must re-apply for financial assistance each year before I can be granted any award.

Withdrawals and Leaves of Absence

If I choose to withdraw from the University or take a leave of absence, whether I am full-time or part-time, I must file an official Withdrawal/Leave of Absence form with the Office of Graduate Services, room 112, at the College of Communication. If I fail to do so **before** the first day of classes, I will be responsible for whatever financial or academic repercussions result from my continued registration in courses.

Once the semester officially begins, I understand I will be charged according to the University Refund Schedule.

By signing below I acknowledge that I understand and agree to adhere to this Academic Contract.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____
White copy – student file Yellow copy – student