

STANDARDS OF SCHOLARSHIP FOR GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

The following standards apply to all students seeking a graduate certificate at Seattle Pacific University.

- You must satisfactorily complete the approved program of study.
- Credits toward your certificate must be earned at SPU. Any permitted transfer work is at the discretion of the individual program.
- You must maintain the professional and personal standards expected of graduate students stipulated for each program to which you are admitted. Failure to maintain these standards may result in removal from the program of study.
- You must maintain a cumulative SPU grade point average of 3.0 or higher. If your cumulative SPU GPA falls below 3.0, you will be placed on academic probation. (Exception: Students in the Seattle Pacific Seminary must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher to remain in good academic standing.)
- No course for which a grade lower than a C (2.0) is earned may be accepted toward a graduate certificate. Higher standards may be required by specific programs.
- Graduate courses may not be taken for a pass/no-credit option, with the exception of research, practicum, internships, and projects. Any exceptions are determined at the discretion of the graduate programs.
- All graduate internship, thesis, and project courses must be completed within three years of initial enrollment in the course. Students enrolled in such courses will receive a graduate in-progress grade of "G" until the course is completed. After a lapse of three years the "G" becomes permanent.
- All courses applied toward graduate certificates must be taken within the six-year period immediately preceding the granting of the certificate. Exceptions to this policy may be sought from the Graduate Curriculum Committee through a petition with graduate program support.
- Certificates are awarded and posted to your transcript based on the quarter in which you fulfill all certificate requirements, including non-credit requirements. Your certificate will be posted within one quarter after your last quarter of enrollment, or the term in which you completed all requirements.
- See Limitations on Credit (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/academic-policies-procedures/limitations-credit-applicable-toward-grad-certificate/>) in the Academic Policies and Procedures section of this catalog.