The City College of New York
GRADUATE PROGRAM IN ECONOMICS

POLICY ON GRADE REQUIREMENTS

Effective immediately, the following policy governs grade requirements for all students enrolled in the M.A. Program and the M.A. component of the B.A./M.A. Program:

Good Standing in the Program
To maintain good standing in the Program, a student must maintain a grade point average of at least 3.0 in Program courses. If a student’s GPA drops below 3.0, he or she may be dropped from the Program, generally if the problem is not corrected within one semester.

Practically speaking: A GPA of less than 3.0 in the Program will generally cause a student to get a “GP” stop on his/her registration. The student must then meet with the M.A. Director to discuss his/her standing and to request continuance in the Program.

• Please come to this meeting prepared to discuss the reasons for your GPA being less than 3.0, and your plan for bringing your grades back into good standing.
• The M.A. Director will hear your case and will make a decision on whether to recommend to the Deputy Dean that the GP stop be lifted, permitting you to register. This decision is at the Director’s discretion. Generally, the Director will look favorably on your request if you offer a realistic plan for returning your grades to good standing.
• In most cases, the Director will allow a student a chance (one semester) to bring his/her GPA back above a 3.0. Rarely will a student be permitted to re-enroll after a second semester with a GPA below 3.0, though all such decisions will be made on a case-by case basis.

Please note: A student may repeat a class in the Program to improve his/her grade in that class. However, the original grade in the course remains as part of the student’s GPA, even if this grade was an “F”. (This is a policy of the college registrar, and is different from the treatment of “F” grades in undergraduate programs.) Also please note that repeat classes WILL NOT be counted as additional credits toward the 36-credit requirement for the program.

Grade Requirements in the Core Courses (for Graduation)
To graduate from the Program, in addition to other requirements, a student must have obtained grades of no lower than a “B” in both B0000 and B1000. A “B-” is considered unacceptable. If a student receives a “B-” or lower in one of these courses, he/she may repeat the course. However, as noted above, both the original grade and the repeat grade will be counted in the calculation of the GPA for measurement of “good standing.”

If you have any questions about this policy, please consult with the M.A. Director.

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