# **ACADEMIC POLICIES**

# **Residency Requirements**

A student is in residence at NYU Meyers when the student is matriculated in the PhD Program. Only credits from NYU sponsored courses earned while the student is in residence at NYU Meyers count toward fulfilling program residency requirements.

40 credits must be earned in residence at NYU. The maximum transfer credit allowed is 6 credits.

### **Graduation**

#### **Graduation Dates**

The official NYU graduation dates occur in September, January and May each year. Students are responsible to know and follow all NYU Meyers and University graduation procedures and deadlines.

#### **Graduation After Defense**

Doctoral students may graduate no later than the second graduation date subsequent to the defense of the dissertation. Failure to do so will make the defense null and void.

#### **Incomplete Grades**

A student may not graduate with an incomplete grade of "I" or "NR" on their transcript.

### **Teaching Residency and Research Residency**

All students must complete 60 hours of Teaching Residency and 1200 hours of research residency as graduation requirements.

#### **Administrative Procedures**

#### **Graduation Tracking in SIS**

Graduation Tracking records are created in SIS for each student who has applied for graduation, by the Office of the University Registrar. The PhD Program Office is responsible for the following:

- The PhD Program Office must review the Graduation Tracking record in SIS. Additions or changes are to be noted on the Graduation Tracking record using Internal Memo System.
- Senior Associate Dean, Academic Affairs must approve the graduation on the Graduation Tracking record.
- The PhD Program Office should submit appropriate documentation where necessary or requested by the Registrar (e.g., comprehensive exam results, thesis reader sheets, language qualification reports, waivers, validation of coursework, etc.), using the Internal Memo System.
- Dissertation Committee Members not Part of the Full-Time Faculty of NYU Meyers: The Executive Vice Dean must approve any committee members who are not members of the full-time faculty of NYU Meyers by signing the Outside Dissertation Reader Approval Form. A C.V. for the outside reader must be attached and the form and C.V. must be made part of the student's permanent file and a copy must be forwarded to OAAS along with all other required material.
- Doctoral Oral Defense Procedure: The vote and approvals of a defense must be indicated on the Doctoral Thesis Oral Defense Form, which must be submitted to the NYU Meyers Assistant Registrar.
- Applying for Graduation: It is the student's responsibility to apply for graduation and it is recommended that students apply for graduation

- no later than the beginning of the semester in which all program requirements are expected to be completed. Waiting to receive end of term dissertation defense results before applying for graduation may result in a delay in graduation. Refer to the specific deadlines for the completion of requirements for each graduation available listed in Office of the University Registrar's Graduation.
- Submitting the Ph.D. Dissertation: A candidate for a Ph.D. degree
  must follow the NYU Meyers doctoral dissertation guidelines on
  Submitting Your Dissertation in the Student Handbook and submit
  the forms there to the indicated offices. The guidelines outline
  the procedures and deadlines for preliminary and final submission
  of the dissertation, including necessary forms, payment, typography
  and pagination. Students should be aware that NYU Meyers deadlines
  precede University deadlines.

## **Proof of Degree Completion**

Proof of Degree Completion: Any student requiring proof of degree completion either before or after that student's official graduation date must request such verification from the Office of the University Registrar.

# **Transfer and Articulation Agreements**

The state approved progression plans for all NYU Meyers graduate programs function as required curricula and determine students' course requirements, sequencing of coursework and course progression. Students may transfer up to nine credits of relevant core requirements taken prior to their matriculation at NYU Meyers from accredited colleges and universities only. Coursework must have been completed within the last seven years with a grade of B or better and may not have been counted toward another degree. Students have until the end of the add/drop deadline of their first term at NYU Meyers to transfer in prior course credit. After this deadline, no additional courses may be transferred in, and matriculated students are expected to take all of their remaining course requirements at NYU Meyers. Complete the Graduate Program Transfer Credit Request form to determine your eligibility. College Graduate Non-Accelerated (GRD): Any additional course(s) that was/were not included in your admissions application must be approved by the NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing Asst. Director for Undergraduate Student Affairs and Admissions. Without prior approval, acceptance of any additional coursework for transfer credit is at the sole discretion of NYU Meyers administration. A second-degree nonaccelerated student must complete at least one prerequisite course to the nursing clinical sequence at NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing in their first semester of matriculation to NYU Meyers.

#### PhD

NYU Meyers PhD Programs accepts transfer credit from accredited graduate institutions.

- A student must apply for transfer credit, for courses taken prior to admission, within the first academic year of attendance as a matriculant.
- Students may transfer credit for courses taken at another institution
  while matriculated at NYU as long as the Senior Associate Dean,
  Academic Affairs has given written approval for the course(s) to be
  transferred in prior to the student's enrollment in those courses.
- Courses counted toward any doctoral degree that has been awarded and is not part of a registered dual degree program may not be applied to a NYU Meyers doctoral degree.
- · A grade below B is not eligible for transfer credit.

- · A pass/fail type grade such as P or S will be accepted for transfer at the discretion of the Senior Associate Dean, Academic Affairs.
- · If transfer is requested for a three-credit course at another institution, then only a maximum of three credits will be granted by NYU up to the maximum amount allowed.
- · An external credit earned on the guarter system is worth two-thirds of an NYU credit. Individual courses must be rounded down to the nearest half point.
- · NYU Meyers awards international transfer credit in accordance with current guidelines regarding equivalency as determined annually by the Assistant Director of Graduate Student Affairs and Admissions and the PhD Admissions Committee.
- NYU graduate courses taken prior to enrollment in the NYU Meyers PhD Program, and not used to earn another degree, are eligible to count toward the degree and will not be counted as transfer credits with regard to the maximum level of transfer credit allowed or the minimum grade requirement. The PhD Program Director will be the final arbiter of which of these courses will count toward the degree.
- · Transfer of credit for individual courses older than ten years will not be allowed

# Grading

## **Master's and Advanced Certificate**

#### **Grading Scale**

A = 92.45%

A- = 89.45%

B + = 86.45%

B = 82.45%

B - = 79.45%C + = 76.45%

C = 72.45%

C - = 69.45%D + = 66.45%

D = 59.45%

#### **Final Course Grade**

Final course grades involving decimals will be rounded up to the next whole number when equal to 0.45 or greater. For example, 89.45 will be rounded to a 90.

#### **Grade Point Average Requirements**

To remain in good academic standing, a student must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.77. The scale of grades is based on a 4-point scale as follows\*:

A = 93 to 100 (4.0 points)

A- = 90 to 92 (3.667 points)

B+ = 87 to 89 (3.333 points)

B = 83 to 86 (3.0 points)

B- = 80 to 82 (2.667 points)

C+ = 77 to 79 (2.333 points)

C = 73 to 76 (2.0 points)

C- = 70 to 72 (1.667 points)

D+ = 67 to 69 (1.333 points)

D = 60 to 66 (1.0 points)

F = 59 & below (0. points)

- · W = Official withdrawal. If withdrawal occurs after the midpoint of the term and the student is failing at that time, the grade will be reported
- R = Registered paid auditor, not graded.

- · P = Pass, not counted in average.
- I = Incomplete.

Note: There are no A+, D-, or F+ grades.

#### **Course Repeat Policy**

If a student repeats a course after receiving a failing grade, only the second grade is counted in the grade point average (GPA). Both grades remain on the transcript.

#### **Incomplete Grades**

At the discretion of a course instructor and only under exceptional circumstances a student can request an incomplete (I) grade. If the course instructor agrees to render a grade of incomplete for a particular course, the student must fill out an Incomplete Grade form with the faculty member rendering the incomplete grade. It is incumbent upon the student to bring the form to her/his faculty member. The Incomplete Grade form may be found on the NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing website. The length of the contract period is determined by the course instructor, but cannot exceed six months after the close of the semester and students must complete at least 50% of the course requirements by the end of the semester of record. If outstanding work is not completed or submitted by the deadline indicated on the Incomplete Grade form, the I grade becomes an F. Nursing students will not be permitted to take any new courses if they have an unaddressed incomplete grade on their transcript.

Students with 9 credits or more of incomplete grades on their transcript at any one time will be considered as not making satisfactory progress in their programs of study and will be subject to probation. Students who have three probationary terms or two consecutive probationary terms will be subject to dismissal. They will be subject to dismissal if they have 18 such credits on their transcripts at any one time. (Any N grade course that has been repeated with a passing grade will not be counted in these totals, nor will courses in which I grades are normally given.)

Please note the following:

- · A GPA average of 2.77 is required for the master's degree and advanced certificate degrees
- The passing grade for master's program courses is 80% (B-).
- · In population and specialty component courses with a theory and clinical component, the clinical component is taken pass/fail (P/F). A pass (P) is required in the clinical component and a minimum grade of 80% is required to pass this course.
- · Population and specialty component practicum courses are taken pass/fail (P/F).

NOTE: NYU Meyers urges students taking courses in other schools and colleges to check with the respective schools for details of their grading policies because they may differ from those of the College.

### **Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Grading Scale**

A = 92.45%

A = 89.45%

B + = 86.45%

B = 82.45%

B - = 79.45%

C + = 76.45%

C = 72.45%

C = 69.45%

D+ = 66.45%

D = 59.45%

#### **Final Course Grade**

Final course grades involving decimals will be rounded up to the next whole number when equal to 0.45 or greater. For example, 89.45 will be rounded to a 90.

#### **Grade Point Average Requirements**

To remain in good academic standing, a DNP student must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0.

The scale of grades is based on a 4-point scale as follows\*:

A = 93 to 100 (4.0 points)

A- = 90 to 92 (3.667 points)

B+ = 87 to 89 (3.333 points)

B = 83 to 86 (3.0 points)

B- = 80 to 82 (2.667 points)

C+ = 77 to 79 (2.333 points)

C = 73 to 76 (2.0 points)

C- = 70 to 72 (1.667 points)

D+ = 67 to 69 (1.333 points)

D = 60 to 66 (1.0 points)

F = 59 & below (0. points)

If a student repeats a course in which they have received a failing grade, the two course grades are averaged to determine the course GPA.

- W = Official withdrawal. If withdrawal occurs after the midpoint of the term and the student is failing at that time, the grade will be reported as F.
- R = Registered paid auditor, not graded.
- P = Pass, not counted in average.
- I = Incomplete

NOTE: There are no A+, D-, or F+ grades.

#### **GPA and Course Grade Requirements**

To remain in good academic standing, a DNP student must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0. All students must earn a minimum of a 80% (B-) or better in every required DNP course. Failure to meet the GPA requirements places a student in academic jeopardy.

There are three levels of academic jeopardy:

NOTE: occurs after the first semester a student meets the following criteria:

- Has 9 credits or more of IP, IF, or N on their transcripts at any one time
- Falls below a cumulative GPA of 3.0. If the cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better is achieved by the following term, academic jeopardy is terminated.
- 3. Obtains less than a 80% in a required course. The student is required to re-take the course the next time it is offered. If at least an 80% is obtained in the required course, academic jeopardy is terminated.

Probation: After the second consecutive semester of meeting #1 or #2 above.

Dismissal: occurs for one of the following reasons:

- 1. If a repeated required course receives less than 80%.
- 2. Two outcomes of fail on the proposal defense.

- 3. Two outcomes of fail on the DNP project defense.
- Expiration of the seventh year for DNP matriculation period without an approved extension.
- 5. Expiration of an approved extension.
- 6. Three probationary terms or two consecutive probationary terms
- 7. Receiving a course grade of less than 80% in two separate courses.

#### **Incomplete Grades**

At the discretion of a course instructor and only under exceptional circumstances a student can request an incomplete (I) grade. If the course instructor agrees to render a grade of incomplete for a particular course, the student must fill out an Incomplete Grade form with the faculty member rendering the incomplete grade. It is incumbent upon the student to bring the form to their faculty member. The Incomplete Grade form may be found on NYU Meyers' website. The length of the contract period is determined by the course instructor, but cannot exceed six months after the close of the semester. If outstanding work is not completed or submitted by the deadline indicated on the Incomplete Grade form, the I grade becomes an F. Nursing students may not be permitted to take any new courses if they have an unaddressed incomplete grade on their transcript.

Students with 9 credits or more of "I" on their transcripts at any one time will be considered as not making satisfactory progress in their programs of study and will be subject to probation. Students who have three probationary terms or two consecutive probationary terms will be subject to dismissal. They will be subject to dismissal if they have 18 such credits on their transcripts at any one time. (Any I grade course that has been repeated with a passing grade will not be counted in these totals, nor will courses in which I grades are normally given.)

NOTE: The College urges students taking courses in other schools and colleges to check with the respective schools for details of their grading policies because they may differ from those of the College of Nursing

#### **Pass/Fail Option**

NYU Meyers PhD students may opt to take a course with standard letter grading under pass/fail grading with the permission of the course instructor and the student's advisor. The student must apply prior to the end of the ninth week of the semester to have pass/ fail grading for a fall or spring term course and prior to the ninth meeting of a summer or special session course. The pass grade "P" counts for credit but does not affect the GPA. The fail grade "F" is identical to an "F" in the standard letter grading system with regard to credit and GPA. Students matriculated in NYU Meyers apply for the pass/fail option through NYU Meyers regardless of the school offering the course. A student matriculated in another school at NYU must apply through the student's home school for and abide by the rules of the home school governing the pass/fail option if the student wishes to take a NYU Meyers course under pass/fail grading.

NYU Meyers PhD students may elect to take a total of 6 additional credit hours pass/fail other than the 4 total hours of NURSE-GN 3313 Dissertation Proposal Seminar Nsg Dissertation Proposal Seminar and the PhD Forum courses NURSE-GN 3361 PhD Forum I, NURSE-GN 3362, NURSE-GN 3363, NURSE-GN 3364, all of which are taken pass/fail.

Students may NOT take the following courses pass/fail: NURSE-GN 3325 Conceptual Approaches to Health Equity, NURSE-GN 3351 Contemp Design & Meth I, NURSE-GN 3352 Contemp Design & Meth II, NURSE-GN 3353 Synthesis of Evidence: Principles, Approaches, and Methods, NURSE-GN 3350 Philosophical & Theor Perspetvs

- or Nursing, NURSE-GN 3501 Biostatistics I, or NURSE-GN 3502 Biostatistics II. When taking a course pass/fail, if the student passes, the grade does not figure into the GPA. If the student fails the course that grade is figured into the GPA.
- Pass/fail option forms must be filed prior to the end of the ninth week
  of the semester for fall and spring semester courses. The academic
  advisor or dissertation chairperson must approve via email.
- The decision to use the pass/fail option cannot be changed after the pass/fail option form has been filed (a letter grade will not be recorded).

# **Academic Standing and Progress**Master's

#### Leave of Absence. Withdrawal and Maintenance of Matriculation

Master's students who are taking a leave of absence are referred to their academic advisor to discuss their request for a Leave of Absence (LOA) or Official University Withdrawal (https://www.nyu.edu/students/student-information-and-resources/registration-records-and-graduation/registration/leaves-term-total-withdrawals.html). A leave of absence (personal or medical) may be taken for a maximum of two semesters; that is, two continuous semesters equaling one academic year or two separate LOA semesters each taken in different academic years. Two LOAs are the maximum in the lifetime of a degree. Students must also complete an online withdrawal form, which is University based, and is found in their Student Center Directions for submitting an LOA, Semester Withdrawal or Complete withdrawal are posted on the Registrar's website (https://www.nyu.edu/students/student-information-and-resources/registration-records-and-graduation.html).

Please note that leave of absence requests for medical reasons are assessed by the NYU Student Health Center prior to approval.

For students who are requesting an LOA, please review the Maintenance of Matriculation information.

Students should also consult the Bursar's Refund Schedule (http://www.nyu.edu/bursar/refunds/schedule.html) to determine the financial implications of taking an LOA or University Withdrawal.

NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing adheres to the policy that continuous maintenance of matriculation (MM) is required. After two leave of absence semesters (LOA), if a graduate student does not enroll in classes, the student must transition to enrollment of Maintenance of Matriculation. The MM fee is the cost of tuition for one graduate nursing credit plus a nonrefundable registration and services fee. Registration procedures for MM are the same as any credit-bearing course. If these steps are not taken and the student does not register for MM, the student must reapply to the program and will be billed for past MM fees when they reappear to register or re-enroll.

There is a maximum of two semesters of maintenance of matriculation permitted. All course requirements must be completed within six years from the date of matriculation. Continuous maintenance is required.

#### **GPA and Grade Requirements**

Failure to meet the course grade and GPA requirements places a student in academic jeopardy.

There are two levels of academic jeopardy:

Probation:

- 1. If one course is failed (below 80%) regardless if the cumulative GPA is 2.77 or above\*
- 2. If one course is failed (below 80%) and the cumulative GPA falls below a 2.77\*
- Occurs after the second consecutive semester a student falls below a cumulative GPA of 2.77.

\*Students are required to register for a failed course the next semester in which it is offered and must complete the course; the student will not be permitted to withdraw from the course.

Dismissal: occurs for one of the following reasons:

- 1. Upon failing a repeated course regardless if the cumulative GPA is 2.77 or above.
- Upon failing a 2nd course regardless if the cumulative GPA is 2.77 or above.
- After the third consecutive semester a student falls below cumulative GPA of 2.77

#### **Application for Readmission Following Dismissal**

Students who are dismissed from Rory Meyers College of Nursing may apply for readmission one year from the date of their dismissal. A student may reapply to any master's program, including the program from which the student was dismissed. The decision for readmission is based on review of a student's academic record and the student's written statement detailing any changes or progress that show promise for success in the program. If readmitted, students are automatically placed on academic probation and will be provided with a student action plan for success that may include repeating previous coursework. Failure of any subsequent coursework or failure to comply with the student action plan may result in a second dismissal from the College.

# Steps for Academic Jeopardy Identification and Student Notification

The Senior Associate Dean of Academic Affairs will notify the student of their academic jeopardy status or dismissal from the College via email by attaching the formal notification letter in PDF format with return receipt. The following individuals will be copied on the letter: a) the student's advisor, b) the Executive Vice Dean, c) the Associate Dean, Student Affairs and Admissions, d) the Vice Dean, Administration, Planning, and Inclusion, e) the Assistant Registrar, and f) the respective program director.

#### PhD

#### **Enrollment Policies**

Students must maintain continuous enrollment in the PhD Program from the time of matriculation to graduation. To maintain enrollment in a degree program a student must enroll in that program each fall and spring semester until that degree is granted. There are two ways to maintain enrollment:

- · register for at least one credit or a fraction thereof.
- Enroll in PhD Advisement (NURSE-GN 3400 PhD Advisement). Any semester in which a student is not registered for at least one course, the student must register for NURSE-GN 3400 PhD Advisement, PhD Advisement
  - If a student, who is still within his or her 7-year time period for degree completion, does not register each semester for either one course or for NURSE-GN 3400 PhD Advisement, PhD Advisement, his or her matriculation will lapse. With the approval of the student's academic advisor and the PhD Program Director,

matriculation may be reinstated, at which time the student will be required to pay all missed tuition and fees. PhD Advisement is a 1-credit fee course. These credits will not count toward the student's total point requirement.

- Any student who fails to maintain continuous matriculation
  must request reinstatement. All requests for reinstatement
  must be approved by the dissertation committee chairperson
  or academic advisor and the Senior Associate Dean, Academic
  Affairs, as indicated on the required form and are contingent
  upon satisfactory progress toward completion of the degree and
  payment of the PhD Advisement Fee, retroactively, for any and all
  semesters when the student was not registered for coursework
  (exclusive of summers). Students should note that reinstatement
  approvals are not automatic and such requests may be denied at
  the discretion of the Senior Associate Dean, Academic Affairs.
- Students may, however, request a waiver of the fee associated with PhD Advisement for a semester for maternity leave or for medical reasons. All such requests must be made in writing to the NYU Meyers PhD Program Office and must be accompanied by a doctor's note.
- Students who register for PhD Advisement may be given fulltime equivalency if they are eligible according to the NYU Meyers regulations.

Applicants who are accepted and permitted to register and who wish to begin their study as part-time students may register during no more than two terms (for a maximum of 12 credits) prior to the establishment of official matriculation.

Upon entry, Students and Advisors sign a Matriculation Agreement.

The PhD Advisement course fee system is in effect for all NYU Meyers PhD students.

#### **Maintenance of Matriculation**

Payment of the PhD Advisement fee (or the award of a fee waiver) and the University Registration and Services Fee entitles students to use the libraries and other research facilities consult members of the faculty, participate in University activities, and use the University's Student Health Center for emergency treatment of an injury or illness.

If the student has attempted enough credits for the degree, registration for PhD Advisement (NURSE-GN 3400 PhD Advisement), is required during each fall and spring semester until the degree is conferred. Students who have completed coursework may maintain matriculation only up to the specified time limit of their degrees. Students beyond the specified 7 years to degree must secure the permission of Senior Associate Dean, Academic Affairs to extend time to degree in order to continue to maintain matriculation.

A student who has not attempted enough credits for the degree may only enroll in PhD Advisement (NURSE-GN 3400 PhD Advisement) with the approval of the Senior Associate Dean, Academic Affairs. These semesters count toward time to degree.

#### **Academic Leave of Absence**

A student who is obliged to temporarily suspend enrollment for national service, serious illness, or compelling personal reasons may request an academic leave of absence, which, if approved by the OAAS, retains the student's matriculation status in the program without the requirement of being enrolled.

#### **Accepted Reasons for Academic Leave of Absence**

The following summarize the only accepted reasons for taking an academic leave of absence:

- National Service: Military service, public health service, the Peace Corps or any comparable activity is deemed to constitute national service.
- Medical: Any condition that a physician or psychiatrist certifies is prohibitive to carrying on full- or part-time study.
- Compelling Personal Reason: Must be one outside the student's
  control and not a matter of choice. Difficulty maintaining academic
  good standing or conditions for enrollment does not qualify as
  a compelling personal reason. Examples of compelling personal
  reasons include serious family or legal crises. OAAS relies upon
  the Senior Associate Dean, Academic Affairs to review and support
  requests based upon compelling personal reasons and prefers that
  some justification be provided separately from the student's own
  request.

#### **Maternal or Paternal Leave**

An academic leave of absence will be allowed for maternal and paternal leaves of absence for childbirth and care for the newborn. Maternal or paternal leave may be considered a compelling personal reason or a medical leave depending on the circumstance.

#### **Time to Degree**

The period of an approved academic leave of absence counts toward time to degree.

#### **Eligibility**

Students are only eligible for an academic leave of absence after the first day of the first term in which they have been officially enrolled for courses.

#### **Duration**

An academic leave of absence can be approved for a period up to one year, except in cases of compulsory national service in which case the leave would be approved for the duration of the service.

#### **Registration Fees**

During an academic leave of absence, registration fees for the terms the leave is granted for do not accrue.

#### **Enrollment Status**

A student on an academic leave of absence is not eligible for full- or half-time equivalency.

#### **International Students**

The Office of Global Services (OGS) will be notified by the OAAS each time an international student is given an academic leave of absence. International students are advised to contact the OGS when considering an academic leave of absence.

#### **Academic Leaves Initiated After Beginning of Term**

When an academic leave involves withdrawal after a term has begun, the student will be withdrawn from all current courses. Furthermore, all current courses will be removed completely from the student's transcript and all tuition and fees for the current semester courses will be refunded to the student. Refund of health insurance fees may be exempt from this refund.

While on an academic leave a student may not make use of any University resources including, but not limited to the library, the gym,

and any University academic space. Students may continue for a limited time in the Student Health Insurance plan at their own expense.

While on an academic leave a student may not enroll in any other universities for the purpose of transferring credit earned there toward the NYU degree.

In the event of curricular changes, students returning from a leave may elect to keep their original plan of study (if available) or to change to a new plan of study.

#### Time to Degree

To remain in academic good standing, all full- and part-time students must complete their degree within 7 years.

#### **Extension of Time to Degrees**

The Senior Associate Dean, Academic Affairs will consider requests beyond the limits stated above for students who are making clear progress toward the degree. Only one request for extension of time to degree per student per degree program will be considered. This request must include a detailed plan for the completion of the degree with tangible goals which the student must meet during each semester of extension requested. Should the student not meet one or more of these goals, the student must be terminated from their program. While NYU Meyers expects that any such extension should not exceed

one year, extensions for a longer period will be considered as long as the Chair includes reasonable justification for the need of the additional time. The PhD Program Office will be responsible for warning the student of the deadline for completion of all requirements for the degree. No requests for extension of time to degree will be considered:

- if the student has outstanding incomplete grades;
- · unless the department has issued the student a probation letter containing a time table for completion;
- · unless all requirements other than the dissertation are completed.

## **Withdrawals**

The grade "W" represents official withdrawal from a course. It will appear on a student's transcript any time a student withdraws from a course after the second week of the fall or spring semester or according to the rules of the Office of the University Registrar if a special or summer term course. Dropping from a course before the deadline will purge that course from the student's official record. A student may withdraw from a course up to the end of the ninth week during the fall and spring semesters or according to the rules of the Office of the Registrar if a special or summer term course. Students can withdraw from the course in Albert Student Center (http://www.nyu.edu/students/ student-information-and-resources/registration-records-and-graduation/ registration/registering-on-albert/request\_class\_withdrawal.html.html). Students must get permission from their academic advisor and Office of Academic and Advising Services (OAAS) to withdraw from a course after the deadline for dropping (http://www.nyu.edu/registrar/pdf/ Albert\_DropAdd\_form.pdf) and return appropriate form to the OAAS. Any tuition refund will be in accordance with the published refund schedule for that semester.

## **Standards of Conduct**

#### **Student Conduct**

All students in the NYU Meyers community must abide by the University Student Conduct Policies.

#### **Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct**

All members of the NYU Meyers community must abide by the University's Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy and Complaint Procedures for Students, the Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy and Complaint Procedures for Employees, and its Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Policy which outline the policies and procedures regarding all forms of prohibited discrimination, harassment, and sexual misconduct.

#### **Academic and Research Integrity**

All students in the NYU Meyers community must abide by the University's policies on Academic Integrity for Students at NYU and its Principles and Procedures for Dealing with Allegations of Research Misconduct, as well as the policy on Retention of and Access to Research Data. In addition to University policies, all students must also abide by the NYU Meyers Statement on Academic Integrity and the NYU Meyers Statement on Technical Standards.

#### Non-Academic Misconduct

All students are expected to abide by the expectations set forth in the University-wide Student Conduct Policy. Allegations of non-academic misconduct against a student of NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing shall be addressed pursuant to the NYU Student Conduct Procedures, administered by the Office of Student Conduct under the authority of the Senior Vice President of Student Affairs. Allegations of academic misconduct (plagiarism, cheating, clinic/internship/field placement conduct, etc.) shall be addressed by NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing in accordance with the established procedures as set forth below.

#### **NYU Meyers Academic Integrity Policy**

Students enrolled in the NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing are expected to follow the university's policy for academic integrity including plagiarism and cheating. Nursing students are also expected to follow the guidelines of the NSNA Code of Ethics and Interpretive Statements from the National Student Nurses Association and the Code of Ethics for Nurses from the American Nurses' Association for professional conduct in and out of the classroom and in on and off campus clinical simulation experiences. Nursing students must maintain high standards of honor in their academic and professional work. Violations of academic integrity may result in failure on a particular assignment, failure in a course, suspension or expulsion from the College or other penalties.

# **Disciplinary Measures**

#### **Jurisdiction**

The New York University Rules for the Maintenance of Public Order (https://www.nyu.edu/about/policies-guidelines-compliance/policiesand-guidelines/rules-for-the-maintenance-of-public-order.html) govern the behavior of all NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing (NYU Meyers) students. University Bylaw 80 provides that the faculty of each school has disciplinary authority over its students. The New York University Student Disciplinary Policies and Procedures (https://www.nyu.edu/ about/policies-guidelines-compliance/policies-and-guidelines/universitystudent-conduct-policy.html) designate those cases for which the faculty of the school in which the student is enrolled has jurisdiction over student disciplinary proceedings and describe general procedures for disciplinary action. The rules of disciplinary procedure set forth below apply to all NYU Meyers PhD students.

#### **Disciplinary Offenses**

Disciplinary offenses in the jurisdiction of these rules include both academic misconduct and behavioral misconduct as defined below. Cases of behavioral misconduct include those that fall within the University's Non-Discrimination and AntiHarassment Policy and Complaint Procedures for Students. NYU Meyers does not have jurisdiction over cases that fall within the University's Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Policy (https://www.nyu.edu/about/policies-guidelines-compliance/policies-and-guidelines/sexual-misconduct-relationship-violence--and-stalking-policy.html).

#### **Suspension Pending Consideration**

As provided in University Bylaw 80, the Dean of a school or the Dean's representative may suspend a student pending consideration of a case. NYU Meyers urges that such action should only be taken to protect the physical or emotional safety and wellbeing of the student, the physical or emotional safety and well-being of other students, faculty, and/or University staff, the security of University property, the maintenance of public order or the effective continuation of the educational process. When such action does occur, the student shall be afforded the opportunity to expedite disciplinary proceedings. Any period of interim suspension shall be deducted from any final sanction involving suspension.

#### **Academic Misconduct**

All PhD students in NYU Meyers are expected to follow the NYU Meyers Statement on Academic Integrity, on page 78 of the online Academic Bulletin. Academic misconduct includes offenses such as plagiarism, cheating, and possession of or use of any prohibited notes, reference resources, or data processing or other devices in any class or examination.

#### Filing of a Program Complaint

If a student cheats or engages in plagiarism and/or other forms of academic misconduct, the faculty member with knowledge of the facts shall file a complaint with the Senior Associate Dean, Academic Affairs.

#### **Student Notification by Program**

Senior Associate Dean, Academic Affairs shall provide notice of the filing of the complaint to the student in writing within one (1) week of receipt of the complaint.

#### Meeting in Program

Senior Associate Dean, Academic Affairs or their designee shall meet with the student against whom a complaint has been filed, describe the complaint, and offer the student an opportunity to respond. The student shall be informed of his or her right to accept or reject a departmental resolution. After considering all relevant information, the Senior Associate Dean, Academic Affairs may inform the student of the terms, including where appropriate the imposition of a sanction upon which the Department is willing to resolve the matter. Where the student agrees in writing to the terms of a departmental resolution, a binding consensual resolution shall exist between NYU Meyers and the student. Where the Senior Associate Dean, Academic Affairs is unable to resolve the complaint by consensual resolution, the Senior Associate Dean, Academic Affairs shall forward the complaint to the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and Admissions, in which case the procedures beginning with Section 7.6 will apply.

#### **Behavioral Misconduct**

Behavioral misconduct includes conduct that impedes, obstructs or threatens the maintenance of the public order, interferes with or disrupts the regular operations and activities of the University, or constitutes a denial of or an unreasonable interference with the complainant's rights. When activities undertaken by registered student organizations constitute a violation of this provision or violation of University rules or of public laws and regulations, a complaint may also be brought against such organizations as well as against the individual students belonging to such organizations.

#### **Filing of a Complaint**

In the case of misconduct a complaint shall be filed with the NYU Meyers Dean or the Vice Dean, Administration, Planning, and Inclusion by any member of the NYU Meyers community who claims to have been injured or affected by the alleged misconduct.

# Notification by the Vice Dean, Administration, Planning, and Inclusion

The Vice Dean, Administration, Planning, and Inclusion shall provide notice of the filing of the complaint to the student in writing within one (1) week of receipt of the complaint.

#### Meeting with the Vice Dean, Administration, Planning, and Inclusion

The Vice Dean, Administration, Planning, and Inclusion shall meet with the student against whom a complaint has been filed, describe the complaint, and offer the student an opportunity to respond. The student shall be informed of his or her right to accept or reject a resolution by the Vice Dean, Administration, Planning, and Inclusion. After considering all relevant information, the Vice Dean, Administration, Planning, and Inclusion may inform the student of the terms, including, where appropriate, the imposition of a sanction upon which NYU Meyers is willing to resolve the matter. Where the student and the Vice Dean, Administration, Planning, and Inclusion agree to terms in writing, a binding consensual resolution shall exist between NYU Meyers and the student. Where the Vice Dean, Administration, Planning, and Inclusion is unable to resolve the complaint by consensual resolution, they shall forward the complaint to the NYU Meyers Committee on Student Discipline.

# Referral of the Complaint to the NYU Meyers Committee on Student Discipline

Where the Department or Program, in the case of academic misconduct, or the Vice Dean, Administration, Planning, and Inclusion, in the case of behavioral misconduct, is unable to resolve the complaint by consensual resolution, the student will be notified that the complaint shall be forwarded to the NYU Meyers Committee on Student Discipline no less than one (1) week from the notification date. During the period between the notice to the student and the complaint being forwarded to the NYU Meyers Committee on Student Discipline (the "Mediation Period"), the student will have the opportunity to meet with the Executive Vice Dean or his or her designee. The Executive Vice Dean or designee shall, upon request, meet with the student, discuss the evidence of misconduct, and provide the student with information about the procedures of the NYU Meyers Committee on Student Discipline. No additional information will be gathered or considered during this period. The Executive Vice Dean may not revise the terms for a resolution, but the Department or Program, or the Vice Dean, Administration, Planning, and Inclusion in the case of a disciplinary matter, may offer revised terms and the student may change his or her decision about a consensual resolution on the terms offered by the Department or Program, or by the Vice Dean, Administration, Planning, and Inclusion. If a consensual resolution is not reached during the Mediation Period, the matter will be referred to the NYU Meyers Committee on Student Discipline.

#### **Penalty Guidelines**

Because of the wide range of seriousness of offenses of any given general type, no specific penalties are suggested for first occurrences. Each case must be judged independently, taking into account the seriousness of the offense, aggravating and mitigating circumstances, and the general desirability of treating similarly situated students similarly. In all cases, it should be determined whether or not notice of the penalty should be placed on the student's record. As a guide to assessing the penalty to be applied, some possible considerations are outlined below for various general offenses.

#### Cheating, plagiarism, or forgery of academic documents

If the offense had not been detected, would it have had significant impact on the student's course grade? Was there an attempt to subvert a primary degree requirement, such as plagiarizing a Ph.D. thesis? Was the offense spontaneous or premeditated and planned? Did the student act alone or were others knowingly involved? Was the offense an isolated incident or repeated?

# Deliberate destruction, theft, or unauthorized use of laboratory data, research materials, computer resources, or University property

Did the student expect to profit academically from the offense? Was there damage to the academic materials of another student or of a faculty member? Were the materials of significant value to their owner? Can and should the student replace the materials or was the damage irreparable?

#### Disruption of an academic event

Was the action spontaneous and brief or extensive? Did the academic event continue after the disruption or was it postponed or canceled? Was more than one individual involved? Were there repeated incidents on separate occasions? Was the disruption of a threatening or violent nature?

#### **Actual or threatened violence or harassment**

Was the action premeditated? Was the threat repeated on separate occasions? Was human life threatened? What was the extent of bodily injury, if any? Was more than one individual involved in the offense? Does the student have a history of violent behavior?

#### Other forms of misconduct

Was the behavior willful? Was the behavior repeated on separate occasions? What was the extent of bodily injury caused by the behavior, if any? Was more than one individual involved in the offense? Does the student have a history of previous disciplinary actions or violent behavior?

#### **Definition of Penalties**

The following penalties may be imposed for a first offense:

#### Warning

Written reprimand, including notice that a one-semester suspension or a more severe penalty may result from a second disciplinary offense within the period of the censure specified in the letter of reprimand.

#### **Disciplinary Probation**

Suspension of privileges or exclusion from participation in extracurricular University activities as set forth in the notice of disciplinary probation for a specified period of time.

#### Suspension

Exclusion from classes as well as suspension of privileges and exclusion from other activities as set forth in the notice of suspension for a definite

period of time. A student who has been suspended and against whom charges are dismissed or not sustained will be allowed full opportunity to make up whatever work was missed due to the suspension.

#### **Dismissal**

Termination of student status for an indefinite period. The conditions for readmission, if any are permitted, shall be stated in the order of dismissal.

#### **Second Offense**

The penalty for a repeat offense to a specific complaint will be termination from the graduate program.

# **Redress of Grievances**

#### **Right to File a Grievance**

Any PhD student registered in NYU Meyers courses or otherwise formally involved in NYU Meyers programs has the right to file a grievance. Certain types of grievances must be adjudicated within NYU Meyers, while others must be adjudicated at the University level. The following rules are designed to provide NYU Meyers students with a mechanism of redress

#### **Grievances Adjudicated Outside NYU Meyers**

In the following cases, grievances must be adjudicated outside NYU Meyers. Questions about whether or not grievances fall within these guidelines should be addressed to the Vice Dean, Administration, Planning, and Inclusion.

Harassment. If this matter involved alleged harassment of any kind, grievances should be filed promptly in writing with the University. Review the University's Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy and Complaint Procedures (https://www.nyu.edu/about/policies-guidelines-compliance/policies-and-guidelines/non-discrimination-and-anti-harassment-policy-and-complaint-proc.html).

Grievance Arising in Other Schools or Colleges. If the student's grievance concerns a student, faculty or staff member whose primary affiliation is with another school or college, the student shall consult and follow that school or college's procedures. In addition, the student shall submit copies of the written grievance to the NYU Meyers Executive Vice Dean and the comparable office in the other school or college.

Grieving Directly to University. If a student wishes to use the formal University procedure as a path of redress, they should consult the Student Grievance Procedure (https://www.nyu.edu/about/policiesguidelines-compliance/policies-and-guidelines/student-grievance-procedure.html).

### **Grievances Adjudicated by NYU Meyers**

In the following cases, grievances can be adjudicated within NYU Meyers:

The student believes that they have been subject to treatment which is in violation of NYU Meyers rule, procedure or policy.

The student believes that they are being affected by an unfair and/or incomplete NYU Meyers rule, procedure or policy or implementation of same.

#### **Grievances Concerning Grades**

A student may file a grievance concerning a grade on the basis of inequitable or prejudicial practices or administrative or clerical errors if they believe a grade to be incorrect. No other reason can form the basis for a grievance regarding a grade.

#### **Initiation of the Complaint**

Complaint proceedings concerning events or conditions within NYU Meyers may be initiated in two ways:

If the event or condition occurred within a departmental context, the student shall raise the issue with the appropriate authority in the department or graduate program.

If the event or condition occurred outside the departmental context or is a harassment complaint, the student shall contact the Executive Vice Dean. The Executive Vice Dean will arrange meetings as appropriate, attend such meeting(s), and attempt to aid in the resolution of the complaint.

#### **Formal Grievance**

If the complaint is not resolved to the student's satisfaction through means outlined above, and the complaint is one defined to be adjudicated by NYU Meyers, the student may bring a formal grievance to the Office of the Executive Vice Dean. In this case, the student must submit a formal written grievance to the Executive Vice Dean. The grievant shall state the grounds for the grievance, specifying departmental, NYU Meyers policy, rules, or procedures in question, describe the facts and evidence supporting the grievance, indicate what redress the grievant seeks, provide a brief history of the attempts to resolve the grievance, and identify any individuals who can be contacted for relevant information. Students may request a restriction of the investigation or attempted resolution of a grievance based on concerns about privacy or conflict of interest.

#### **Receipt of Formal Grievance**

Upon receipt of a formal grievance, the Executive Vice Dean will promptly schedule a meeting with the grievant. One person may accompany and advise the grievant, but cannot directly participate in the meeting. The Executive Vice Dean or the student may request the presence of the Vice Dean, Administration, Planning, and Inclusion at the meeting. The student or the Executive Vice Dean may request that the meeting be recorded. The Executive Vice Dean may contact such other persons as the Executive Vice Dean deems appropriate, subject to the restrictions of the grievant, for the purpose of ascertaining the facts and evidence in the case. The Executive Vice Dean shall render a written decision on the grievance to the grievant, the respondent, and, if the matter had previously been addressed in the department, to the department.

#### **Appeal of Executive Vice Dean's Decision**

The student may appeal in writing the decision of the Executive Vice Dean to the Dean of NYU Meyers within two weeks of receipt of the Executive Vice Dean's decision. The Dean will review only the process resulting in the Executive Vice Dean's finding to determine if it was fair and impartial and followed the rules and policies of Meyers. No new information beyond what was reported to the Executive Vice Dean will be considered. The Dean will render a written decision to the student within thirty (30) days of receipt of the appeal. The Dean's decision shall be final for NYU Meyers and its departments.

#### **Appeal of the Dean's Decision**

Appeal of Dean's Decision: Students wishing to appeal the Dean's decision should consult the Student Grievance Procedure (https://www.nyu.edu/about/policies-guidelines-compliance/policies-and-guidelines/student-grievance-procedure.html).

#### **Grievance at the University Level**

Grievances are not heard at the University until they have been heard and a determination made at the College level. If the student wishes to pursue the matter, it shall be addressed in accord with NYU policy (https://www.nyu.edu/about/policies-guidelines-compliance/policies-and-guidelines/student-grievance-procedure.html).

# **Internships**

Graduate students in the Rory Myers School of Nursing are not permitted to participate in internships for academic credit.