

During a leave of absence, a student cannot make use of the University or College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology resources, nor attempt comprehensive exams nor defend a thesis.

**Good Academic Standing**

Students remain in good standing when they maintain a minimum graduate GPA of 3.0 for graded coursework. An average of “B” must be maintained by the student in all graduate coursework. While one grade of “C” may be counted towards the MS degree, only grades of “B” or better (and 3.00 GPA) indicate satisfactory completion of requirements for the degree. Only grades earned in or approved by the College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology will be used to calculate a student’s GPA. If a student receives a total of two grades of “C” in any combination of courses (required/elective), his/her graduate status is reviewed by a committee of the graduate faculty. The committee will consider the advisability of continued enrollment in the program, termination or remedial work, i.e. repeat course(s). If the student receives three grades of “C”, his/her enrollment as a graduate student is automatically terminated. Obtaining grades higher than “C” in a repeated course does not remove the original two “C” grades and will be counted against the student toward the three “C” limit. If the student receives a grade of “D” or F” in any course, he/she is automatically dismissed from the program. In any of the above scenarios, the student may petition the graduate committee for readmission. The above requirements apply to all courses taken while enrolled in the program.

**Time Limit**

A student must complete all requirements for the MSJJ degree within six (6) consecutive calendar years after the first date of enrollment. Any exception must be petitioned to the Head of Department, the Dean of the College & the Dean of the Graduate School.

**Comprehensive Examination**

Comprehensive examinations in the MSJJ program are an elective option for those students who choose not to complete a thesis. These examinations are employed to test the student’s general knowledge and his/her ability to integrate and synthesize the wealth of information in the field.

**Financial Aid**

The University offers various forms of financial aid, from scholarships to work-student arrangements and loans. Scholarships are usually in very short supply. Those interested in financial aid are encouraged to contact or make an appointment with the financial aid office on campus. <http://www.pvamu.edu/pages/2169.asp>.