Faculty of Science

ACADEMIC STANDING

Refers to a student’s eligibility to continue in the Faculty of Science. Calculated on Fall/Winter each year.

CATEGORIES

First Class Standing
A minimum 3.5 GPA while enrolled in *24 or more during one Fall/Winter
Applicable to all degree programs in Science

Satisfactory (or Good) Standing
BSc General: A minimum 2.0 GPA in one Fall/Winter
See charts for Specialization & Honors

Marginal Standing
(or Academic Warning)
GPA at the end of one Fall/Winter is between 1.7 and 1.9
Applicable to all degree programs in Science
No previous Fall/Winter below 2.0 GPA
All students continue in the BSc General program the next Fall/Winter
Require a minimum 2.0 GPA in the next Fall/Winter or will be required to withdraw

May Not Continue in Program (MNC)
GPA the end of one Fall/Winter GPA is at least 2.0 but less than the minimum required to continue in a Specialization or Honors program
Course Load is no longer applicable - see charts

Required to Withdraw (RTW)
(or Unsatisfactory Standing)
GPA at the end of one Fall/Winter is less than 1.7
Applicable to all degree programs in Science

Students assigned an RTW standing will not be allowed to continue at the UofA. Their degree program is canceled after Spring term and future registration is deleted.

Deferred Standing
Attempted less than *9 with a GPA less than 2.0 in one Fall/Winter
Applicable to BSc General students only who are not in their last year of program (graduating)
Must have attempted a minimum of *9 in the previous Fall/Winter
Academic Standing will be deferred to the end of the next Fall/Winter at which time it is assigned

What are my options if I am REQUIRED TO WITHDRAW (RTW)?
(Only applicable if this is the first RTW (or equivalent) in a student's academic record)

1. Do not attend any post secondary institution for at least a year after being Required to Withdraw (Summer/Fall/Winter/Spring/Summer)

Reapply for admission back to the Faculty of Science prior to March 1st to start back in the Fall of the same the year (includes Fresh Start)

Note: Students must meet the minimum competitive GPA for the program they apply to in order to be eligible for admission

Readmission to the Faculty of Science will NOT be on Probation

2. Requalify by completing a minimum *24 of transferable post secondary courses subsequent to the RTW

Reapply for admission back to the Faculty of Science prior to March 1st to start back in the Fall of the same the year (includes Fresh Start)

Readmission to the Faculty of Science will be on Probation in the BSc General program
To clear Probation and return to Satisfactory Standing, students must clear all conditions set by the Associate Dean, Undergraduate in one Fall/Winter

FRESH START

Students whose GPA falls between 1.3-1.6 and have attempted less than *60 may be recommended to the Fresh Start program.

Those with a previous Probation (or equivalent) or have been sanctioned for academically-related disciplinary offences, will not be recommended to the Fresh Start Program.

Fresh Start students are registered in the Faculty of Open Studies
PROBATION

Granted when a student has successfully appealed an RTW ruling or where a student has discontinued studies for a year. They are allowed one Fall/Winter to return to Satisfactory Standing according to specific Conditions set out by the Associate Dean, Undergraduate.

Probation includes specific conditions which must be met such as completing *24 with a minimum 2.0 GPA, completing courses from their Major, Minor and Junior core, achieving a minimum GPA on their Major courses and others. Students must be prepared for the vigors of Probation as failing probation has serious consequences and is reflected permanently on a student’s academic record.

Students with two or more prior requirements to withdraw or equivalents are not eligible to continue in the Faculty of Science and do not have the option to appeal.

What does “You have the option to Appeal” mean?

Students may feel they have reasons for continuing in the Faculty of Science, despite having received a Required To Withdraw academic standing. They may write a letter to the Associate Dean, Undergraduate asking to continue in the Faculty of Science on Probation for the upcoming Fall/Winter.

Students who receive a May Not Continue academic standing may write a letter to the Department’s Associate Chair requesting they be allowed to continue in their current Specialization or Honors programs for justifiable reasons.

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For more detailed information please refer to the Academic Standing section in the UofA Calendar.

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