

School of Biological Sciences

ACADEMIC STANDING

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Academic standing is determined at the end of each semester, fall, spring and summer for each student. Good standing at the university level is attained with a University of Missouri (UM) cumulative GPA of a 2.0 or higher and with the School of Biological Sciences with a UM Biology GPA (major's applicable courses) of a 2.0 or higher.

For the purpose of determining academic standing, the UM cumulative GPA and UM Biology GPA as shown in Pathway at the end of each term will be used.

If a student's UM or Biology GPA falls below the 2.0 minimum, and they will no longer be in good standing. Students who fail to maintain good standing will be placed on Academic Warning, Probation, or will be declared Academically Ineligible. See appropriate sections below.

ACADEMIC PROBATION

Students with a declared major in the SBS will be placed on academic probation if their UM cumulative GPA or their UM Biology GPA falls below 2.0. When an SBS student is placed on academic probation as a result of previous semester grades, the student will be required to enter into an Academic Success Contract. The contract is designed to provide the student with assistance to support a return to good standing. The contract will specify enrollment requirements and keep the advisor and student in close contact throughout the semester to provide additional support. The contract will outline the student's responsibilities while on probation including, but not limited to the following:

1. Return to good standing by raising UM cumulative and/or UM Biology GPA above the minimum 2.0. **OR**
2. If the student cannot return to good standing after the contract semester, they may be continued on probation for one additional semester if they earn a grade of **C- or higher in all contracted courses AND** earn a 2.5 (**B- average**) or higher semester/biology GPA during this semester.
3. Participate in additional activities as listed in the contract.

A summer session during which a student is enrolled in classes counts as a regular semester for probationary purposes. The contract's requirements may be altered **ONLY** in consultation with the student's assigned academic advisor.

Students who have been placed on academic probation will be notified through their UMKC email account with the Academic Success Contract attached. Students will be asked to schedule an appointment with their assigned adviser to discuss and sign the contract. The requirements of the contract are binding with or without the student signature.

If a student fails to meet the terms of the contract, they may be declared ineligible to continue in SBS programs after the contract semester.

If a student cannot raise their UM and/or Biology GPA above 2.0, they may remain on probation one additional term provided they meet the requirements in #2 above. If a student's UM cumulative and/or Biology GPA is still below 2.0 after a second term on probation, they will be ineligible to continue as a

student in SBS. A student may, if eligible (UM GPA above 2.0), transfer to another academic unit at UMKC.

ACADEMIC WARNING

First Time College (FTC) students with a declared major in the SBS will be placed on Academic Warning when their UM cumulative GPA or UM Biology GPA is between 1.5 and 2.0 at the end of their first term at UMKC.

A student on Academic Warning will have the same requirements as students on Academic Probation as described above. They will sign a contract, participate in additional activities and stay in close contact with their advisor throughout the following term. If the student cannot raise their UM cumulative and/or UM Biology GPA to 2.0 or better after the warning term, provided they meet the stipulations in #2, they may be placed on Academic Probation for a maximum of 2 additional terms. After one warning term and two probation terms, the student must return to good standing or be declared ineligible to continue as a student in SBS and/or UMKC. This allows a FTC student an additional semester to return to good standing.

If the FTC student GPA (UM cumulative or UM Biology) is below 1.5, they will be placed on regular probation as described above.

ACADEMIC INELIGIBILITY

Students on academic probation or warning who do not meet the terms of their contract with SBS become academically ineligible to enroll for future semesters as a student with a declared major in the SBS. Students will be notified through their UMKC email. If the student's UM GPA is above 2.0 the student may continue at UMKC, but will need to declare a major other than biology to do so. Students will have until the date given in the email notification to change their major; failure to make these changes by the date indicated will result in cancellation of their registration with any fees paid refunded. Students who have become ineligible may re-declare biology as their major once their UM GPA and UM Biology GPA are above the minimum 2.0 required.

REPEATED COURSEWORK

Request for GPA Adjustment Form may be submitted by students and approved/submitted by SBS adviser after repeating one or more courses. A student's academic standing may be revised after the GPA adjustment is made in Pathway. A maximum of 15 credit hours of D+ or less coursework in which academic dishonesty was not involved may be replaced. See the UMKC Repeated Courses Policy.