

# Faculty of Science

Pre-Fall 2024 Programs

**BSc General, Specialization and Honors**

## ACADEMIC STANDING

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

## CATEGORIES

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### First Class Standing

**3.5 GPA or above** while enrolled in **24 units or more.**

### Satisfactory (or Good) Standing

**2.0 GPA or above**

BSc General only; see charts for Specialization & Honors.

### Marginal Standing

(or Academic Warning)

**1.7 to 1.9 GPA**

*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 at the end of one Fall/Winter is **at least 2.0** but **less than the minimum required** to continue in a Specialization or Honors program (See charts).

### Unsatisfactory Standing

(or Required to Withdraw (RTW))

**1.6 GPA and below**

*No previous Fall/Winter below 2.0 GPA.*

*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

GPA at the end of one Fall/Winter is **less than 2.0** and **less than 9 units** were attempted.

*Must have attempted a minimum of 9 units in the previous Fall/Winter.*

*Academic Standing will be deferred to the end of the next Fall/Winter.*

*Not applicable for students who are in their final Fall/Winter of their program (graduating).*

### 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 year.

*(For example, reapply before March 1, 2025 to start in September 2025 - Fall term).*

*Readmission to the Faculty of Science will be on **Probation** in the BSc Major program.*

*To clear Probation and return to Satisfactory Standing, students must clear all conditions set by the Associate Dean, Undergraduate.*

2. **Requalify by completing a minimum of 24 units of transferable postsecondary courses subsequent to the RTW** (includes Fresh Start)

Reapply for admission back to the Faculty of Science prior to March 1st to start back in the Fall of the same year.

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

*Readmission to the Faculty of Science will **NOT** be on Probation if the student requalifies.*

## FRESH START

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**1.3-1.6 GPA** at the end of one Fall/Winter with **less than 60 units attempted** overall, may be recommended to the Fresh Start program.

*Students offered Fresh Start retain credit in previously passed courses. Courses successfully completed while in Fresh Start may be used towards Science degree requirements. In Fresh Start, students have access to structured support to develop the learning, study, and time management strategies to achieve academic success.*

Students with a previous Probation (or RTW or equivalent) 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 a RTW ruling* or when a student has *discontinued studies for at least a year*.

Probation students are registered in the BSc Major program. They must meet specific Conditions set by the Associate Dean, Undergraduate, to clear Probation and return to Satisfactory Standing.

**Probation** includes specific conditions which must be cleared by the end of a two year time period. Example conditions include: declaring a major prior to the start of first term, completing a minimum 24 units with a minimum 2.0 GPA, completing approximately half the courses in the declared Major, achieving a minimum 2.3 GPA on their Subject Area courses, completing common course requirements and possibly courses in the Minor.

*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.*

For more detailed information please refer to the [Academic Standing](#) section in the UofA Calendar.

## 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.

For more information please refer to:

[How to submit an appeal](#)  
[Academic Appeals Policy](#)

## CONTINUATION REQUIREMENTS

Degree Programs	Minimum F/W GPA
General	2.0
All Specialization programs except for Biochemistry and Pharmacology	2.3
Biochemistry	2.7
Pharmacology	2.7
All Honors programs except for Neuroscience and Psychology	3.0
Neuroscience Psychology	3.3

Degree Program	Additional Requirements (F/W)
<b>General</b>	none
<b>Specialization</b>	
Chemistry	2.3 on all CHEM
Computing Science - Business Minor	2.3 on all CMPUT & Business
Computing Science - Software Practice	2.3 on all CMPUT & Business
Computing Science	2.3 on all CMPUT
Mathematics - Computational Science	2.3 on all CMPUT, MATH, STAT
Mathematics	2.3 on all MATH
Mathematics & Economics	2.3 on all ECON, MATH, STAT
Mathematics & Finance	2.3 on all ACCTG, ECON, FIN, MATH, MGTSC, OM, and STAT
Pharmacology	2.7 on all PMCOL; 2.7 all Science
Statistics	2.3 on all MATH, STAT
<b>Honors</b>	
Applied Mathematics	3.0 on all MATH
Applied Mathematics - Minor Computing Science	3.0 on all MATH
Applied Mathematics - Minor Statistics	3.0 on all MATH
Chemistry	3.0 on all CHEM
Computing Science	3.0 on all CMPUT
Mathematics	3.0 on all MATH
Mathematics - Minor Computing Science	3.0 on all MATH
Mathematics - Minor Statistics	3.0 on all MATH
Mathematics & Economics	3.0 on all ECON, MATH, STAT
Mathematics & Finance	3.0 on all ACCTG, ECON, FIN, MATH, MGTSC, OM, and STAT
Pharmacology	3.0 on all PMCOL; 3.0 on all Science, B- each PMCOL course
Physiology	B in each PHYSL 212, 214
Statistics	3.0 on all MATH, STAT