

Faculty of Science

Fall 2024 Onward Programs

BSc Major and BSc with Honors

ACADEMIC STANDING

Refers to a student's eligibility to continue in the Faculty of Science.

Calculated on **Fall/Winter each year.**

CATEGORIES

Satisfactory Standing

2.0 GPA and above

Marginal Standing

or Academic Warning

1.7 - 1.9 GPA inclusive

No previous Fall/Winter below 2.0 GPA.

All students continue in the BSc Major program the next Fall/Winter or, if in BSc Honors, transfer to the BSc Major on Academic Warning.

*Require a minimum **2.0 GPA** in the next Fall/Winter or will be required to withdraw.*

Unsatisfactory Standing

or Required to Withdraw (RTW)

GPA below 1.7

And for students with a previous year with Marginal Standing.

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

Academic Standing will be deferred to the end of the next Fall/Winter at which time it is assigned.

Below 2.0 GPA and less than 9 units

attempted (Major & Honors).

2.0 - 2.6 GPA inclusive and less than 9

units attempted (Honors). (2.0 - 3.2 GPA inclusive for Neuroscience.)

*Requires a **minimum of 9 units** the previous Fall/Winter.*

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

CONTINUATION IN MAJOR OR HONORS PROGRAM

Bachelor of Science (Major)

Minimum 2.0 GPA

Bachelor of Science with Honors

(except Neuroscience see below)

3.0 GPA and above

2.7-2.9 GPA may continue in Honors the next Fall/Winter.

*No previous Fall/Winter below **3.0 GPA.***

*Require a minimum **3.0 GPA** in each Fall/Winter thereafter or will be 'may not continue' in Honors.*

Bachelor of Science with Honors

Neuroscience

3.3 GPA and above

3.0-3.2 GPA may continue in Honors the next Fall/Winter.

*No previous Fall/Winter below **3.3 GPA.***

*Require a minimum **3.3 GPA** in each Fall/Winter thereafter or will be 'may not continue' in Honors.*

May Not Continue in Honors Program (MNC)

GPA at the end of Fall/Winter is **less than 2.7** or between **2.7-2.9 a second time.**

(for Neuroscience, less than 3.0 or between 3.0-3.2 a second time)

All MNC students will be transferred to the BSc Major with the same subject area (if applicable).

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 in the Fall of the same year.

(For example, reapply before March 1, 2026 to start in September 2026 - 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 24 units of transferable post secondary courses subsequent to the RTW** (includes Fresh Start)

Reapply for admission back to the Faculty of Science prior to March 1st to start 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

1.3-1.6 GPA at the end of one Fall/Winter with **less than 60 units attempted**, 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 Marginal Standing, have been on Probation, or have more than one RTW (or equivalent) will *not* be recommended to the Fresh Start Program.

Consideration for readmission to the Faculty of Science requires a minimum of 24 units completed with a competitive AGPA at the end of Fresh Start. For more details see the [Academic Standing](#) 3.a section in the UofA Calendar: *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 (where applicable)* 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 students must normally successfully complete over two years:

- Minimum of 24 units (in courses with letter grades)
- Minimum amount of units in their Major
- Minimum 2.0 GPA on units attempted during probation
- and successfully fulfill all other conditions of probation

Students who fail to satisfy any of the conditions fail probation, and are required to withdraw for a second time without the option of appeal.

For more information please refer to the [Academic Standing](#) 4. section in the UofA Calendar: *Probation*

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 an appeal letter to the Associate Dean, Undergraduate asking to continue in the Faculty of Science on Probation for the upcoming Fall/Winter.

Note: Submitting an appeal does not guarantee continuation. The student will receive communication indicating whether or not the appeal has been granted.

For more information please refer to:
[How to submit an appeal](#)
[Academic Appeals Procedure](#)