

Exercise and Sports Science Department

ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

These policies and procedures are specific to the Exercise and Sports Science department. Exercise and Sports Science majors are also expected to adhere to all University policies, including the Code of Conduct. Students should consult the Fitchburg State University Student Handbook for details on university-wide policies.

Good Academic Standing for EXSS majors

To achieve good academic standing, students must:

- Maintain an overall cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher in all college courses;
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher in EXSS courses

For information regarding **University Probation** please read the Undergraduate Academic Policies and Procedures from the University Catalog.

Minimum Grade Requirement for EXSS Courses

In addition to the departmental 2.50 GPA requirement, there is a prerequisite minimum grade requirement of 2.0 in (EXSS 1011) Intro to Exercise Science *and* (BIOL 1200) Anatomy and Physiology I. To register for additional EXSS courses and move forward in the major, students must first meet these minimum grade requirements.

Students who do not meet the 2.0 minimum grade in EXSS 1011 and/or BIOL 1200 will only be allowed to re-take these courses once in order to achieve the minimum grade. Failure to do so will result in the student being unable to remain in the EXSS major.

Departmental Probation & Appeal Process

Once 9 credits of EXSS classes have been completed, any student with a GPA below a 2.5 will be put on departmental probation and will have one semester to improve their GPA.

- If a student on probation does not improve their GPA to 2.5 or greater in the following semester they will be removed from the major. If a student does not take an EXSS class the semester after going on probation, they have one more semester to take an EXSS course and improve their GPA
- A student may appeal their removal from the major one time.
- The student will be allowed to present, in writing, evidence of significant extenuating circumstances. The Student Affairs Committee will take this

information into consideration and issue a recommendation to the Chair of the EXSS Department. The Student Affairs Committee may also make recommendations to the Chair regarding plans of action for students on academic probation. The EXSS Department Chair will notify the student within 3 days of the departmental ruling.

- Students who return to good academic standing after being on probation must maintain an EXSS GPA of 2.5 or higher; falling below a GPA of 2.5 in any subsequent semester will result in automatic removal from the major.

Students on probation must:

- Meet with their academic advisor before the start of the second week of each semester to review current course load and arrange periodic meetings throughout the semester.
- Utilize the many resources the university offers including faculty, Counseling Services, Academic Coaching and Tutoring Center, Trio Student Support Services, Career Services, and other support systems, as needed.

Inappropriate Use of Technology in the Classroom

The Exercise and Sports Science Department has established the following policy regarding inappropriate use of technology in the classroom.

Definitions

- Technology includes cell phones, laptop computers, computer tablets, Ipads, portable recording or listening devices.
- Inappropriate use includes the use of devices for personal entertainment, communication with people outside the classroom, or for use other than class related purposes.

Policy

- It is at the discretion of the course instructor to ask a student to leave the classroom for any suspected or obvious inappropriate use of technology. If a student is a repeated offender then a formal complaint may be filed with the Dean of Student and Academic Life.