Continuation and Honesty Policy

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Continuation Policy

While the University has general regulations governing scholastic eligibility for continuation, the Department of Mathematics has adopted additional requirements in order to make the best use of departmental resources available and to provide reasonable assurance of academic success of our majors. The following criteria and procedures will be applied to all undergraduate students majoring in Mathematics for determining continuance in the major program. Students are encouraged to frequently review their academic progress, and may seek advising from Mathematics Student Services at any time.

Criteria for Satisfactory Progress:

1. Students must take math courses or math electives in other departments such that they are able to graduate within the limits dictated by the University’s Satisfactory Progress Policy. At the minimum, students should be taking one math class per quarter. During Summer quarters students are not required to take math courses. Excessive course repeats, excessive course drops and excessive University withdrawals may also demonstrate a lack of satisfactory progress.
2. Students in the BS Comprehensive or BA Teacher Preparation option are required to maintain a 2.5 GPA in all math courses. Students in the BS Standard, BA Standard or BA Philosophy option are required to maintain a 2.0 GPA in all math courses.
3. Students must earn a numerical grade of at least a 2.0 in each math course used towards a major requirement. Courses used to satisfy major requirements must be taken on a graded basis. Courses taken as satisfactory/not satisfactory cannot be used towards major requirements and thus violate this policy.

Review and Notification of Progress

Math Student Services will review the progress of all majors each quarter. If a student's performance fails to meet the standards outlined above in any quarter during their tenure as a major in the Department of Mathematics, the student may be first placed on warning, then probation, and lastly dismissal status for each subsequent quarter that they violate the policy.

Warning

Students will be issued a warning letter via email by the department the first quarter they do not meet departmental satisfactory progress and have a registration hold placed on their student account. The warning letter is issued only one time. Students receiving a warning letter must acknowledge receipt of the warning letter to have the registration hold removed.

Although it is not required, students are encouraged to meet with an adviser. The advisor will assist by recommending campus resources, helping plan a course load that is manageable, and by assisting the student with choosing the correct pathway within the major or discussing other majors at the University. Students are encouraged to discuss all circumstances leading to a lack of satisfactory progress, including extenuating circumstances and situations outside of academic life that may impact student success.

Probation

The second, but not necessarily consecutive quarter a student does not meet departmental satisfactory progress will be placed on “Probation Status”. Students will be issued a probation letter via email. Students must meet with an adviser in a scheduled meeting to have the registration hold removed. Students can expect the same support during their appointments as outlined in the “Warning” section. Students who do not meet with an advisor will not be able to register for future quarters.
Dismissal

Students who fail to meet satisfactory progress in a third, but not necessarily consecutive quarter, will be on dismissal status from the major. Students will be notified via email and given instructions if they wish to appeal dismissal from the major. There will be a deadline for the appeal clearly stated on the letter. Students have only one opportunity to appeal dismissal.

If the appeal is not approved or students do not appeal dismissal, they will be assigned a premajor or extended premajor degree code (i.e. they are dismissed from the math major). The Department retains the right to drop dismissed students from future mathematics coursework where it is required to be a declared major to be enrolled.

If appeal is approved, the student must make satisfactory progress as outlined in the approval notification. If they violate this policy in a quarter after their appeal they will be dismissed. There is no opportunity to appeal this final dismissal.

Removing Warning, Probation or Dismissal Status

The only way to remove a violation of this policy is with a Hardship Withdrawal or if the grade in question changes to a 2.0 or above. Students who are seeking Hardship Withdrawals should be in contact with an adviser. It is the student’s responsibility to let Math Student Services know if their Hardship Withdrawal has been approved.

Academic Honesty

The UW Math Department expects students to not cheat on tests or plagiarize assignments. Cheating/plagiarism is generally defined as taking credit for someone else’s work whether that be a fellow student, book or online resource. Cheating on assignments and tests hurts both your fellow math majors and you! Cheating, especially repeated offenses, may have severe consequences.

Tips on avoiding inadvertent academic dishonesty

1. Sit as far from other students as possible during tests. Do not sit near your regular study partners, so any unusually similar methods you may have learned together won’t suggest copying occurred.
2. Pay close attention to the rules regarding academic honesty for the particular course and instructor as they may vary.
3. Keep phones and other electronic devices put away. If the test is closed book, keep papers put away as well.

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