

Duquesne University Forensic Science and Law Academic Policy

Undergraduate Academic Policies:

Students are expected to remain in good standing and maintain a 3.0 cumulative QPA and a 2.5 QPA in math and science while in course work.

Any student who falls below the 3.0 cumulative QPA and 2.5 QPA math & science upon completion of the second year is subject to the following guidelines:

- Academic Warning if their cumulative QPA is between 2.85 to 2.99.
Those students on Academic Warning are permitted to continue progress towards their degree while on Academic Warning. However, for admittance into the 5th yr of the program the cumulative QPA must be raised to 3.0 or higher and the math and science QPA must be at 2.5 or higher.
- Academic Probation if their cumulative QPA is between 2.75 to 2.84.
Those students on Academic Probation are permitted to continue progress towards their degree. If the cumulative QPA has not been raised to 2.85 or higher the student may be subject to Academic Dismissal from the program.
- Dismissal from the Program
 - If their cumulative QPA is less than 2.75.
 - If an "F" is received in a 500 level course.

Admittance to the fifth year of the program:

Admittance to the graduate year of the program is based on five criteria:

- A 3.0 cumulative GRADUATE and UNDERGRADUATE QPA upon graduation from the MSFSL undergraduate portion of the program.
- Research Progress with a minimum grade of "B" in FORE 420w Professional Development IV.
- A grade of "B" or better in BIOL 530W DNA Methods Population Genetics.
- An absence of any academic integrity issue.
- An undergraduate record of full compliance with the University and Bayer School Academic Integrity and Student Code of Conduct Policies. Any violation will result in student ineligibility to enter the fifth and graduate year of the program.

Graduate Academic Policies:

- Academic Integrity violations will result in student dismissal from the program.
- Any student receiving an "F" in graduate course work will be dismissed from the program.
- Graduate students must maintain a letter grade average not lower than "B" (3.00 QPA) while in course work.
- Students earning less than a 3.00 as the final quality point average at the conclusion of course work will be ineligible for graduation.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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