Withdrawal Warning and Policy  
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During previous recent semesters there has been an increase in the number of Pre-Nursing, Pre-Kinesiology and Kinesiology students who withdraw from BIOL 207, BIOL 208, CHEM 140, and MICR 200 just prior to the drop deadline. In an effort to determine the cause of this increase, Sue Ellison met with the Associate Dean of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, course instructors, and students. The common theme from these conversations was the growing trend to withdraw from a class if students are unhappy with their grade.

The increase in withdrawals from science courses has several negative impacts.

- Students are not able to complete prerequisite courses in a timely manner.
- Students attempting to take a science course for the first time cannot enroll because students who have dropped but have more units completed have priority during registration.
- PRE-NURSING STUDENTS ONLY: Pre-major students reach the 75-unit limit prior to competing prerequisite courses and are no longer eligible to apply to the program of their choice.

Therefore, it is necessary to implement a policy that will give ALL students an opportunity to progress toward their degree objective. Effective Fall 2013, students will be held to the following criteria for completing science courses.

**Pre-Nursing Majors**

Pre-Nursing majors must complete the required eight prerequisite classes within four semesters of being admitted as a pre-major. Four of the eight courses are science classes: BIOL 207, BIOL 208, CHEM 140, and MICR 200. Students who do not meet this deadline must declare a new major or meet with their advisor to determine if the student’s performance in courses merits an additional semester. **Students who repeatedly withdraw from science classes WILL NOT be given an additional semester and WILL BE required to declare a new major.**

**Kinesiology Pre-Athletic Training and Pre-Exercise Science Majors**

Pre-Athletic Training majors must complete BIOL 207 AND 208 prior to admission to the major. Pre-Exercise Science majors must complete BIOL 208 prior to admission to the major. The deadline to move from a pre-major to a major is 60 units. **Students who repeatedly withdraw from science classes will not be given permits or priority when repeating the courses.**

**Kinesiology Majors**

All Kinesiology students must complete BIOL 207 and BIOL 208. Other science course requirements include:

- Fitness and Sports Psychology Option: STAT 108
- Exercise Science Option: CHEM 111A+B, PHYS 100A+B, MATH 113
- Athletic Training bachelor’s degree: CHEM 100 or 111A or 140; PHYS 100A; STAT 108

Students should plan to complete these requirements by the time they have earned 75 units. **Students who repeatedly withdraw from science classes will not be given permits or priority when repeating the courses.**