

Academic Retention Policy

In order to progress in the graduate program in Athletic Training, the student must:

- Have completed Health and Immunization forms and on file with the MAT program
- Submit negative results on drug screen and background check
- Have achieved a passing grade of greater than or equal to 80% HIPAA, OSHA, and Bloodborne Pathogens Quizzes located on Moodle
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above on all coursework.
- Make a grade of B or better in each required or prescribed course in the MAT curriculum. *Note:* A grade of C+ or lower constitutes failure in any required or prescribed course in the MAT curriculum.
- A student will be allowed to take a failed MAT course one additional time, but must make greater than a B for a passing grade
- A student who fails (C+) two MAT courses will be terminated from the program.
- A student may not enroll in any MAT course more than twice.
- A student who fails to successfully complete a required MAT course within one calendar year of academic probation notification will be dismissed from the program.
- Students must be aware that matters of plagiarism, unethical, unprofessional, or unsafe conduct may result in immediate dismissal from the MAT program.

In the event a student earns a grade of less than a B in a class or their GPA drop below a 3.0, the student will be placed on academic probation. The student must:

- Repeat any MAT course in which a grade received was below a “B” and receive a grade of “B” or better.
- Be aware that a required MAT course can only be repeated one time.
- Be aware that failure of the same course twice or failure of two separate courses constitutes dismissal from the program.

Students who fail to successfully complete a required MAT course within one calendar year of the academic probation notification will be dismissed from the program.

Students must be aware that matters of plagiarism, unethical, unprofessional, or unsafe conduct may result in immediate dismissal from the Communication Sciences and Disorders department.

Grade Appeals

An initial grade may be challenged before the last day of classes of the next full semester. This challenge should be presented to the University Registrar (located in Student Records) after conferring with the instructor, the instructor’s department head, and the academic dean of the school or college in which the course is taught. An “E” or an “INC” automatically becomes an “F” if not removed by the last day of classes in the next full semester after the grade was given. The grade of “F” may not be challenged (Samford University policy).

Academic Dismissal

A student who fails two courses or whose cumulative GPA is below 3.0 for any two academic terms will be dismissed from the MAT program.