

Hello. I am Susan Harding, one of the Academic Advisors in the School of Business.

This presentation is designed to help you better understand the Scholastic Standing Requirements in the School of Business.

As advisors, we aim to equip you with the resources and tools you need to be a successful student.

The School of Business is a competitive program that admits students coming directly into UConn as first-time students, and those already at the University.

Our faculty aim to provide you with the best learning environment possible and one that's designed to help you accomplish the goals you have for your undergraduate experience. Therefore, we have academic standards that all students must achieve. These standards help shape experiences from the classroom, to internships, and beyond.

The advising team starts supporting you at Orientation by providing lots of information and referrals to University resources to help you develop strong academic habits, and again, so you can better achieve your goals.

The School of Business Scholastic Standing Requirements are outlined in the Undergraduate Academic Catalog. I'll go into the requirements in greater detail in this presentation.

Student transcripts (so, your grades) are reviewed at the end of every Fall and Spring semester and you must maintain certain GPA requirements, some of which are determined by credit standing. Credit standing relates to the total number of credits you have acquired, not the number of semesters you have been at UConn. So, for example, you may have sophomore credit standing at the end of your 2nd semester, not necessarily your 2nd year.

The policy on Scholastic Standing also dictates that all Business Critical courses must be completed in the first four terms. You can refer to a Major Plan of Study to see the list of Business Critical Courses.

The School of Business looks at your Grade Point Average in three different ways.

Term GPA is the Grade Point Average achieved for a specific term of enrollment. Looking at just the Fall or Spring semester, for example.

Business Cumulative GPA is the overall GPA achieved for all Business classes numbered at the 3000-level or higher, and that also includes ACCT 2001 and ACCT 2101.

Cumulative GPA is comprised of all graded credits, so this includes courses taken in all terms while at UConn, and includes ECE or non-degree credits that you accept.

Now that you know the different types of GPAs that are reviewed, I'll break it down with more specifics.

All UConn students, regardless of major, are required to maintain at least a 2.0 Term GPA throughout the completion of your undergraduate degree. This minimum applies to every student, every semester.

The Business Cumulative GPA required is also at least a 2.0, and it starts calculating as soon as you begin taking Business courses, which is typically in your second year.

The Cumulative GPA requirement takes effect when you complete your second term. At the end of the second semester and for all those terms following, students must meet the Cumulative GPA requirement as outlined here. It is important to note that the GPA is not rounded up or rounded down.

At the end of the term in which you complete between 0-39 credits, you must have at least a 2.79 cumulative GPA.

When you complete between 40-53 credits, you must have at least a 2.93 cumulative GPA.

And at the end of the term in which you complete at least 54 credits, you must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

For all remaining terms following and until you graduate, you need to maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA.

UConn grades are based on a 4.0 scale, so as you can see, for a 3.0 GPA, you would need to earn grades of B and above in your courses.

It's important to be aware that each instructor decides for their courses what numerical grade equates to the letter grade assigned.

So, for example, an 92 could very well be a grade of A in one class, and an A- in another. You will find the specific grading information in the syllabus for each of your courses.

This is just one reason why it's important to review your syllabi carefully in the first week of every semester.

So to summarize your GPA requirements, as a first-year student you will need a minimum 2.0 term GPA at the end of your first semester.

At the end of your second semester the minimum cumulative GPA requirement will be anywhere between 2.79 and 3.0, depending on your credit standing.

Your GPA goal should always be to keep it above a 3.0 so your standing in the SOB will never be in jeopardy. So, we like to say aim for Bs and above.

And remember, in addition to your GPA benchmarks, you also need to complete your Business Critical courses in your first four terms as well to remain in good standing.

Students who do not meet the minimum GPA requirements in any given semester are dismissed from the School of Business, but may continue at the University in a non-business major, as long as the student is in good standing with the University otherwise. Traditionally the School of Business has seen 15 to 18% of the incoming first-year student group dismissed by the end of their first year.

This is why it is important for you to be aware of your requirements and to get a strong academic start.

There are many, many resources to help you excel during your time at UConn. These are just a few listed here, and many of which you can access through our advising website. And we recognize you will need different support at different time during your academic journey, so we will coach you and remind you of resources.

We sincerely hope you choose to engage with your advising team, including professional staff advisors and our well-trained Peer Advisors. We are all here to help you be successful and reach your goals.

Please visit our [Office of Undergraduate Advising Website](#) to learn more about the academic resources available on your campus.

And, as mentioned earlier you can read more about the Scholastic Standing Requirements I outlined in this presentation.

I hope that you find this information helpful as you take ownership of your educational experience!