

## BME Undergraduate Degree and Program Policies

These policies are to guide BME undergraduate students at the University of Arizona and are a supplement to the College of Engineering and university undergraduate policies.

You can request an **exception to a BME policy** by filing a written petition with your major academic adviser, who will forward it to the BME Undergraduate Studies Committee. Your petition should state facts that justify consideration and include supporting documentation. Upon receipt, the BME Undergraduate Studies Committee will review your petition and render a decision. Petitions are discussed in the monthly committee meetings. If an answer is needed in less than 30 days, the petitioner will need to request and expedited review. Committee decisions are final.

**Graduation requirements** are set forth in the [Academic Policies of the University](#). Students applying for graduation must do so in accordance with all directives of the [College of Engineering](#) and the University. An application to graduate must be filed with the College of Engineering and approved by an academic adviser. All coursework at the university must meet the cumulative grade point average of 2.0. Your major and minor GPA must be at least 2.0 as well.

To complete all degree requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering degree, each student will need to take the required number of units as listed in our [four-year grid](#).

Prerequisites must be completed before taking further courses. The instructor must approve exceptions.

Students are required to complete the [Mid-Career Writing Requirement](#), or MCWA.

All technical coursework (excluding Traditions & Cultures, Individual & Societies, Humanities, and Social Science courses) must be completed with **minimum grade of "C"** with the **exception** of one technical course having a minimum grade of **"D."**

Senior-level students wishing to enroll in ENGR 498A (capstone) must have passed **BME 330**. A student may not enroll in ENGR 498A if the student is on **probation**.

You will be put on **probation** if your cumulative or [major GPA](#) is below **2.0** at any time. With a GPA below 2.0, you will be required to meet with an academic adviser twice a semester and sign the College of Engineering Academic Contract for Students on Academic Probation.

If you fail to meet the criteria for **satisfactory progress** for two consecutive semesters, you may be disqualified from the program or the University of Arizona. Disqualification from the University of Arizona will mean you are no longer a student at the University of Arizona. You can apply for re-admittance according to the rules set forth in [academic probation](#).

In order to enroll in 300- or 400-level courses in the College of Engineering, students must be granted **advanced standing**. To receive advanced standing in BME, you must declare your major and return the completed BME advanced standing form to the BME adviser.





In order to receive advanced standing status, students must complete all the required freshman and sophomore technical courses (excluding Traditions & Cultures, Individual & Societies, Humanities, and Social Science Courses) with a **minimum GPA of 2.750**. When necessary, the [Grade Replacement Opportunity](#) may be used in technical classes to satisfy the GPA.

The grades in the required freshman and sophomore courses will need to satisfy the **“C” or better and “D” policy**.

**Transfer students** must also satisfy the requirements above; however, only UA courses will be used to satisfy the GPA requirement. Transfer students will be granted advanced standing when they have completed 12 or more units of technical courses (mathematics, physics, engineering, optical science, computer science or any combination) listed in their curriculum with a minimum University of Arizona GPA of 2.750.

Transfer students with fewer than 12 units of freshman and sophomore courses remaining must satisfy the GPA requirement with the remaining freshman and sophomore courses. Upper-division technical courses may be added to complete the 12-unit provision to meet the 2.750 GPA requirement. Students who do not satisfy the GPA requirement at the time they first complete 12 or more units will not be allowed to register for additional upper-division BME courses.

Students who have completed all but two of the freshman and sophomore required courses with a 3.0 or better, or transfer students who have not completed the major-specific required classes entirely at UA but have earned a 2.75 or better on at least 12 required BME units, may be granted advanced standing.

**Grade Replacement Opportunity, or GRO**, gives you the opportunity to [replace grades during your undergraduate program](#). A total of 3 courses, not to exceed a maximum of 10 semester hours, may be repeated under GRO. The repeated attempt under GRO is the grade used in the calculation of the GPA for advanced standing.

**Academic misconduct** and/or violation of professional ethics are unacceptable. As you prepare to be an engineer, you are subject to the University of Arizona **Code of Academic Integrity** rules regarding academic misconduct, as well as the **Code of Conduct**. The student Code of Conduct sets forth the standards of conduct expected of students who choose to join the university community. Students enrolled in academic credit bearing courses are subject to the code of academic integrity which consists of all forms of academic dishonesty.

[Code of Academic Integrity](#)

[Student Code of Conduct](#)

The department will prosecute allegations of misconduct according to the procedures outlined in these codes. If found guilty of academic integrity violations, you are subject to academic sanctions which may range from disciplinary warning to immediate disqualification from the program.

