

COM / Academic Success Program

Name: _____ BU ID#: _____

Email Address: _____ Mobile #: _____

COM undergraduate students who are placed on academic probation must participate in the COM Academic Success Program and complete this contract.

In order to remain in good academic standing, BU students must satisfy three criteria:

1. Term GPI of a 2.0 or better
2. Overall GPA of a 2.0 or better
3. Successfully complete a full-time academic load in the previous term (12 or more units, unless you were given special permission to take fewer than 12 units)

Students who do not satisfy all three requirements noted above are placed onto academic probation.

Your Academic Success Program Contract must be completed and you must submit a reflective essay. This reflective essay is an approximately two page document where you discuss the challenges of the past term that led to you being placed onto academic probation. In addition, you should speak to your self-evaluated strengths and weaknesses as a student and address your plan on improving your academic performance. Please return both the contract and reflective essay to COM Undergraduate Affairs (comugrad@bu.edu) no later than one week prior to the start of the term. *(See reverse side for further suggested writing guidelines for the reflective essay.)*

Terms

- During the next term in which you are enrolled, you agree to meet with a COM Undergraduate Affairs Academic Advisor to discuss this contract and your reflective essay, and to periodically review your progress. You must schedule your first appointment during the first month of the term. The second meeting will typically be around mid-term. **A minimum of two meetings is mandatory** and additional meetings are encouraged.
- You must successfully pass at least 12 academic units in the next fall/spring term. You cannot earn any Incomplete ("I") or Missing Grades ("MG").
- If you are taking any BU Summer Term courses, each individual course must be successfully completed with a grade of a "C" or better.
- You must earn a term GPI of at least 2.0.
- You must earn, or maintain, an overall GPA of at least a 2.0.
- By signing this contract you agree that if you do not meet all or any of these requirements you may be continued on academic probation, suspended, or face expulsion from the College of Communication and Boston University. Typically, students can be on academic probation no more than two consecutive terms.

Please sign to indicate that you have received, read, and understood the requirements stated above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

COM / Academic Success Program Criteria

Please complete your reflective essay and return it along with the completed contract to COM Undergraduate Affairs at comugrad@bu.edu. This is due to COM Undergraduate Affairs at least one week prior to the beginning of the term. **Failure to complete this contract and accompanying reflective essay before the deadline may result in immediate academic action by the College of Communication and Boston University.**

Part I. Reflection:

Please reflect on your prior academic performance and discuss your academic challenges. Are there any identified underlying circumstances that may have been a factor in your academic challenges?

Part II. Areas of Strength:

Please identify what academic disciplines interest you, and in which areas you are most confident (these may not necessarily be the same).

Part III. Areas of Weakness:

Please identify areas of academic discipline in which you believe you are not as strong. Did this potentially play a role in your academic challenges?

Part IV. Academic Plan:

Please discuss how you plan to return to good academic standing. This includes successfully completing a full-time course load (12 or more academic units), earning a term GPI of a 2.0 or better, and earning or maintaining an overall GPA of a 2.0 or better. This academic recovery plan should detail your strategies to address any challenges you have faced and resources you intend to take advantage of next term (for example: meetings with an academic advisor, professor office hours, Educational Resource Center, COM Writing Center, physical or mental health assistance, etc.)