

# COM / Academic Success Program

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ BU ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile #: \_\_\_\_\_

COM undergraduate students who are 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. Semester 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 semester (12 or more credits, unless you were given special permission to take fewer than 12 credits)

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 semester that led to you being placed onto academic probation. In addition, you should speak to your 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](mailto:comugrad@bu.edu)) no later than one week prior to the start of the semester. *(See reverse side for further suggested writing guidelines for the reflective essay.)*

## Terms

- During the next semester 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 semester. The second meeting will typically be mid-semester. **A minimum of two meetings is mandatory** and additional meetings are encouraged.
- You must successfully pass at least 12 academic credits in the next fall/spring semester. You cannot earn any Incomplete ("I") or Missing Grades ("MG").
- If you are taking any BU Summer Term courses, each course must be successfully completed with a grade of a "C" or better.
- You must earn a semester 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 semesters.

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please complete your reflective essay and return it along with the completed contract to COM Undergraduate Affairs at [comugrad@bu.edu](mailto:comugrad@bu.edu). This is due to COM Undergraduate Affairs at least one week prior to the beginning of the semester. **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 difficulties. Are there any identified underlying challenges that may have been a factor in your academic difficulties?

## 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 difficulties?

## 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 credits), earning a semester 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 semester (for example: meetings with an academic advisor, professor office hours, Educational Resource Center, COM Writing Center, physical or mental health assistance, etc.)