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FROM: F. Lamar Pritchard, Ph.D. *FLP*
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RE: Grade Point Average Change in Policy

@ 3:38 pm *JL*

In an effort to continue the college's objective to have a highly competitive and qualified pool of UH pre-pharmacy applicants, the advising team of the Student Services office requested a revision of the University of Houston College of Pharmacy (UHCOP) GPA policy. This revision was passed by the faculty on November 6, 2013 and will enable the College to continue to create a stronger and more qualified pool of pre-pharmacy students that can be groomed to become the viable base it should be for our admissions pool.

Please see the attached page- **Proposed Grade Point Average Policy**. You will note the requested changes highlighted in yellow. These changes are needed in order to a) allow incoming and transfer students with competitive GPAs and potential to enter the pre-pharmacy major, b) better guard and monitor entry of the pre-pharmacy transfer student population and c) move students who do not remain competitive into other career majors as quickly as possible to allow them to successfully move toward graduation in another major and improve our university four year graduation rates.

In addition, changing the College's Prepharmacy GPA policy to not allow students with over 30 hours into the pre-pharmacy major will aid the college in decreasing the number of non-competitive students entering this major and strengthen the quality of this cohort. (Note: A student can apply to the college with any major as long as they satisfy UHCOP admission requirements.)

This change will also strengthen the College's Readmission Pending College (RAPC) review for those students who have been previously suspended from the university and are seeking readmission into the pre-pharmacy major. The GPA policy change would allow the college to deter admission of non-competitive students.

If you have additional questions or comments, please contact Ms. Barbara Lewis, Assistant Dean for Student and Professional Affairs at 713-743-1264 or tatum@uh.edu.

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Proposed Grade Point Average Policy

In order to remain a pre-pharmacy major, the student must maintain the following ***minimum*** GPA requirement:

Freshman (1 st semester)	2.5 2.75
Freshman (2 nd semester)	2.75 3.0
Sophomore (4 th semester)	3.0 3.2
Junior (6 th semester)	3.2 3.4

The pre-pharmacy GPA above is for *pre-pharmacy requirements only* and applies to **BOTH** the overall and math/science GPA.

Students not meeting these minimum grade point averages will have a HOLD placed on their academic record until such time a change of major occurs.

The pre-pharmacy student is required to apply to the college of pharmacy Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program by the beginning of their junior year (60 hours). If the student is not applying to the college of pharmacy, a change of major must be done by the end of the first semester of the junior year. A HOLD will be placed on the student record and it will remain until this is satisfied. Students wishing to obtain a Bachelor's degree prior to starting the Pharm.D program should maintain their degree program *in their major* prior to applying to the Pharmacy program.

This policy does not imply that a student within these guidelines is guaranteed admission. The average GPA of admitted students has been within a range of 3.2-3.6.

This policy does not apply to incoming transfer students who must have a ~~2.75~~ 3.0 GPA for the overall and math/science pre-pharmacy GPA and successfully complete the required pre-pharmacy courses* to be admitted as a pre-pharmacy student.

Additions to old policy:

*Required pre-pharmacy courses: CHEM 1331; BIO 1361 or BIO 1362; and MATH 1431

Students with 30 or more hours of pre-pharmacy prerequisites are not eligible to change their major to pre-pharmacy

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PRE-PHARMACY COURSE OF STUDY Lamar University

This pre-pharmacy course guide is a sample of how to complete the prerequisite coursework in a two year time span. Make sure that all prerequisite courses are taken in a timely manner, in preparation for applying to the UH Pharm. D. program.

FIRST YEAR

FALL SEMESTER

BIOL 1406
CHEM 1411
ENGL 1301*
HIST 1301*
MATH 2376

SPRING SEMESTER

BIOL 1407
CHEM 1412
ENGL 1302*
HIST 1302*
MATH 1342 *or* PSYC 2471

SUMMER SEMESTER

Humanities -- Select from the following*^

SECOND YEAR

FALL SEMESTER

CHEM 3411
PHYS 1401 *or* PHYS 2425
or
1 yr of High School Physics
COMM 1315
POLS 2301*
Social Science – Choose 1 from list:
PSYC 2301 *or* SOCI 1301

SPRING SEMESTER

CHEM 3412
BIOL 2420
POLS 2302*
Institutional Designated course (Writing in the Disciplines)*^

SUMMER SEMESTER

Visual/Performing Arts*^

Please note that many areas of study require specific core course choices, and may also require additional courses which are not listed here. Always see an advisor to confirm or review your specific degree plan requirements.

*Exempt if core curriculum is complete at the time of enrollment to UH from another accredited Texas college/university OR earned a baccalaureate degree or higher from an accredited U.S. college/university.

^See core curriculum courses for the Lamar University undergraduate catalog. Refer to www.uh.edu/academics/corecurriculum/