

## **Continuation Policy for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology majors (Approved 5/10/2017)**

This Continuation Policy is intended to assure the timely completion of the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology major. Students in the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology major must fulfill the following criteria to remain in the major:

a) A cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher in the courses listed below:

- 1. Math 127 - Calculus I or an equivalent course**
- 2. Math 128 - Calculus II or an equivalent course**
- 3. Chemistry 111 - General Chemistry I or an equivalent course**
- 4. Chemistry 112 - General Chemistry II or an equivalent course**

b) The grades in these courses must be achieved by the end of the third semester as a Biochemistry and Molecular Biology major.

c) A student may not repeat more than two courses required for the major in the first 3 semesters as a Biochemistry and Molecular Biology major.

The justification for these criteria is that students who do not meet these performance-based goals in the above courses often have to repeat several courses which slows their academic progress and delays their graduation. Students who do not complete the above courses with a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or greater in the first three semesters in the major will be discontinued from the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology major and advised to transfer into another undergraduate major on campus. Any student who was discontinued from the major, but later improves his/her performance, can petition to return into the major. This requirement applies to both internal and external transfer students. Only courses taken through UMass are applicable to the grade requirement for this policy. Transfer courses and Advanced Placement (AP) courses are counted only for credit.