Science is challenging academically and many science degree programs require more units (above 120 units) than other SJSU programs. Whereas SJSU CUM GPA is the metric used for academic standing in the University, the SJSU Major GPA is the appropriate metric for determining a student's progress in the College of Science. The Major GPA for each degree program in the College refers to the GPA calculated for all courses that appear on the student's major form, typically including "preparation for the major" and "support for the major" courses. The SJSU Major GPA includes courses taken both before and after admission to SJSU, and may include courses taken at other institutions after initial admission to SJSU. Each College of Science department will confirm the courses that will be included in calculating their department's SJSU Major GPA.

This policy provides the conditions necessary for a student to be considered in good academic standing in the College of Science. All College of Science departments with the exception of Computer Science have approved this policy in Fall 2009 semester.

This policy involves four areas:

1. Progress to Degree for Entering First Time Frosh
2. Probation in the Major
3. Disqualification in the Major
4. Reinstatement

1. Progress to Degree for Entering First Time Frosh:

The following policy will apply to any First Time Frosh College of Science major.

a. First Time Frosh students must complete their remedial coursework as well as the specific SJSU baccalaureate courses (listed below) for their College of Science major within their first 70 baccalaureate units attempted with grades of "C" or better ("C-" not accepted) and have a SJSU CUM GPA of at least 2.0. For Math 30, 31 and 42, students will be required to earn a grade of "C-" or better, per Math Department policy.

b. Major-specific baccalaureate units required for progress to degree for first time frosh in the College of Science:

Biological Science majors: Must complete Biol 1A, Biol 1B, Biol 4, Chem 1A, Chem 1B, English 1A and English 1B.
Chemistry majors: Must complete Chem 1A, Chem 1B, Math 30, English 1A and English 1B.

Geology majors: Must complete Geol 3, Geol 4L, Chem 1A, Chem 1B, Math 19, English 1A, English 1B.

Mathematics majors: Must complete Math 30, Math 31, Math 42, English 1A and English 1B.

Meteorology majors: Must complete Metr 10, Metr 40, Chem 1A, Math 30, Math 31, Physics 50, English 1A and English 1B.

Physics & Astronomy majors: Must complete Physics 50, Chem 1A, Chem 1B, Math 30, Math 31, English 1A and English 1B.

Other notes:

i. Students may complete these courses at a community college as long as the community college coursework articulates to the above SJSU coursework or is approved by the student's college academic advisor. These community college units will be counted toward the maximum of 70 attempted units.

ii. If students are placed on University probation, they will also be placed on probation in the major (see Section 2 below for further details).

iii. Students who fail to complete their requirements for progress to degree within the required 70 units of SJSU coursework will be required to change their major.

iv. In cases of error or extenuating circumstances, a student, upon receiving notice from the College of Science Advising Center and/or their College of Science academic advisor that they failed to complete their required courses for progress to degree, may petition immediately to an appropriate faculty committee at the department level to appeal such an action. In the case of a negative decision, the student may appeal to the Academic Disqualification & Reinstatement Review Committee. After review of the petition, the Academic Disqualification & Reinstatement Review Committee will make their recommendation to the Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Studies to confirm or rescind action.

2. Probation in the major -- College of Science Major GPA falls below "C" average (2.0):

Note: This policy is adapted from F96-11, Academic Standards; Probation; Disqualification.
a. A College of Science student will be placed on probation in the major if at any time the cumulative College of Science Major GPA falls below a "C" average (2.0). [not needed; duplicates first paragraph of document]

b. The College of Science Advising Center will make reasonable attempts to notify any undergraduate student who is subject to probation in the major; however, it is the student's responsibility to be aware of his/her Major GPA.

c. College of Science students on probation in the major must meet with both their Major Advisor and an advisor in the College of Science Advising Center to design a study plan to bring their Major GPA to 2.0 or better in the following term.

d. College of Science students on probation in the major must earn a Major GPA of 2.0 or better every term until their cumulative Major GPA is at least 2.0 to be removed from probation in the major and restored to good academic standing in the major.

e. Special circumstances.

i. If a student repeats a course for Grade Forgiveness (University Policy F08-2) purposes, the earned grade for Grade Forgiveness is the grade of record. As per F08-2, Section I.B.5, "students may repeat an individual course for Grade Forgiveness only once".

ii. Aligned with F08-2, Section I.C.1, students who repeat a course using "Grade Averaging", grade points and units for all attempts shall be calculated in the student's Major GPA.

iii. Withdrawal from the University while on probation in the major will not result in disqualification from the major. However, the same Major GPA requirement will apply upon re-admission to the University.

3. Disqualification from the Major:

a. Students are subject to disqualification from their College of Science major when:

i. They are on probation in the major, and

ii. They have been notified that they have been placed on probation in the major, and

iii. They fail to meet with a College of Science academic advisor, or fail to follow the study plan arranged during the previous semester, or fail to achieve the minimum term Major GPA of 2.0 or better in the major during the following term.
b. College of Science students who are disqualified under this policy will be notified by the College of Science Advising Center and/or their College of Science academic advisor that they are no longer eligible to continue in their College of Science major. Their major will be changed to Undeclared unless another major for which they are qualified is selected and approved by the new major's academic advisor.

c. In cases of error or extenuating circumstances, a student, upon receiving notice of probation or disqualification in the major, may petition immediately to an appropriate faculty committee at the department level to appeal such action. In the case of a negative decision, the student may appeal to the Academic Disqualification & Reinstatement Review Committee. After review of the petition, the Academic Disqualification & Reinstatement Review Committee will make their recommendation to the Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Studies to confirm or rescind such action.

4. Reinstatement:

a. A College of Science student may be reinstated to the major by the petition for reinstatement to the major. The student, along with the College of Science academic advisor, will be required to design a study plan that addresses scholastic deficiencies in the Major and demonstrates that she or he is ready to resume rigorous academic work. The study plan must be approved by the student's College of Science academic advisor and Chair before the student enrolls in the courses. Students will be reinstated to the major upon successful completion of the study plan, if their Major GPA returns them to good standing in the Major.

b. If the student is also disqualified from the University, s/he must follow University guidelines to petition for reinstatement as well as readmission or reactivation to the University, as well as these College guidelines for reinstatement to the Major.