

# Procedures for Retention of RMP Major Status

## A. Showing Continuous Course Enrollment and Completion Progress Through the RMP Curriculum:

**Once you choose/declare the RMP major you MUST follow the curriculum sequence each semester leading to graduation with a degree in the major.**

When you declare the RMP major, your faculty advisor will work with you to determine a curriculum schedule which, upon your satisfactory academic achievement, will lead to reasonable expectations for a graduation date. Therefore, you may NOT simply “sit” within the RMP major without making reasonable progress toward the degree in the major. You will be required to take at least the minimum number of required courses necessary to keep you on schedule toward graduation with a RMP degree.

As a means of enforcement of this policy, RMP faculty cannot approve/sign course pre-registration forms or add/drop forms which do not reflect reasonable student progress toward the RMP degree. A one semester grace-period may be granted at the discretion of the student’s RMP faculty advisor as circumstances such as leaves of absence, semesters abroad/ international exchange or immediately pending change of major, warrant as reasonable exceptions to the departmental policy.

## B. Once a student is admitted to the RMP major (other than during the first semester of the freshman year – refer to the section on “Freshman Exception”) s/he MUST achieve and maintain a minimum semester GPA of 2.50 each and every semester to maintain good academic standing within the department.

1. This policy becomes **effective beginning the first full semester** that the student enters the major.
2. **Academic Probation after One Semester below 2.50 GPA.**  
If a RMP student’s semester GPA falls below the minimum 2.50 requirement, that student will first be placed on departmental probation for the next semester. Should the student then achieve a 2.50 semester GPA or above during the probation semester, s/he will be returned to good academic standing within the department.
3. **Academic Exclusion from the Major.**  
Any student who earns a semester GPA below 2.50 for two consecutive semesters or earns a semester GPA below 2.5 for three semesters, consecutive or not, will be excluded from the major. Students will be advised to change majors, and will no longer be entitled to the academic attention of advising, etc. from the RMP department. Exclusion means students cannot progress in required courses in the major and will be dropped from enrollment in RMP courses the semester following exclusion.

It is in the student’s best interest to declare another major at this point since s/he can no longer make progress toward a degree in RMP

**ESPECIALLY NOTE (due to potential severity of consequences):** A student who has earned academic EXCLUSION from the major (e.g. a full academic year two consecutive semesters, with less than the minimum 2.50 semester GPA) will NOT be permitted to engage in the required professional Internship (RMP 764).

4. **Freshman Exception**

Students entering UNH and the RMP major as first semester freshmen will not be subject to departmental academic probation at the conclusion of their first semester in order to allow for a period of adjustment to university life. If, however, a freshman does not attain the required 2.50 semester GPA at the end of the second semester, s/he will then be placed on departmental probation.

**C. Minimum Grade in Courses Required by the Department**

1. **Required RMP Courses:** Recreation Management and Policy major must earn a grade of C (2.0) or better in all required RMP courses. Any student who earns less than a C in a required RMP course must repeat that course and earn a C or better in order to continue to advance within the curriculum.
2. **Required University and Emphasis Area Courses:** RMP major must earn a minimum grade of C- (1.67) in all courses taken to fulfill departmental requirements beyond the RMP-designated/labeled courses referred to in part A. above. This includes courses taken from other University departments in order to fulfill the RMP department's Emphasis Area requirement. Any student who earns less than a C- in courses required by the department but offered/taught beyond the department must repeat that course(s) until a minimum competency indicator grade of C- or better is earned.

**D. RMP Department Policy on Academic Dishonesty**

The Department of RMP takes issues of academic dishonesty very seriously. Incidents of academic dishonesty represent a serious violation of trust upon which the program and profession depend upon. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and students are expected to understand and adhere to the contents of UNH Student Rights, Rules, and Responsibilities Handbook, including rules covering plagiarism, cheating, and academic dishonesty.