Animal and Avian Sciences Benchmarks and Minimum Grade Requirement

The Department of Animal and Avian Sciences expectations and policies are designed to promote success of all ANSC students and to ensure consistent progress towards graduation. Students are required to develop an individual plan for timely completion of their major(s) and to revise their plans accordingly as circumstances change. Under regular circumstances students are expected to complete their major within four (4) years. Benchmarks are courses students must complete by the time they have completed a designated number of semesters within the ANSC major. Meeting these benchmarks is indicative of successful progress through the major. *Measurement of benchmarks begins when a student starts that specific major at UMD.*

Students are responsible for knowing their course requirements and making sure they are selecting courses that fulfill those requirements. As students create their plan, they need to keep the following benchmark requirements in mind. All students are expected to complete the required benchmarks by the end of the indicated semester. Students who are not meeting benchmarks and not making timely progress towards their degree will be required to change into a new major.

**Option: 0104A (Animal Care and Management)**

By the completion of 2 semesters in ANSC:

- MATH113 or higher
- ANSC101/103
- BSCI170/171

By the completion of 4 semesters in ANSC:

- CHEM231 or PLSC275
- ANSC204/205 (formerly ANSC211)
- ONE of the following: ANSC220, ANSC232, ANSC242, ANSC250, ANSC255, ANSC260, or ANSC262

By the completion of 6 semesters in ANSC

- ANSC212

I confirm that I have read the policy above and understand that I need to meet benchmarks in order to remain in the ANSC major. I understand that if I am not meeting benchmarks, I will be required to switch out of the ANSC major.

**I also confirm I have read and understood the ANSC minimum grade policy.**
(http://ansc.umd.edu/undergraduate/program-requirements/minimum-grade-policy)

Student Signature: ________________________  Date: ____________________