

*This document was e-mailed to all EP students and faculty in March 2015.*

## **ADDENDUM to the Exercise Physiology Program Student Manual: Off Campus Courses and Grade Substitutions**

It is and has been the policy of the Exercise Physiology (EP) Program at the University of Massachusetts Lowell that **students cannot take off campus courses for the purpose of grade substitution to boost overall or science GPA**. Major courses such as science and Exercise Physiology professional courses must be taken at UMass Lowell. Students can not re-take professional courses if the final grade was “C” or above.

**Note:** Students are still allowed to take courses off campus for the purpose of course *deletion* as detailed in EP student manual on page 18. This includes completing and submitting an off-campus authorization form for review by the EP Program Director and Chair of the Physical Therapy Department. The student must have earned a C- or below in order to qualify for this option.

**Example:** Student A received a C+ in Physics I at UMass Lowell. Based on the grade, this does not qualify the student for the course deletion option. Student A cannot retake Physics I at an outside institution and substitute a higher grade in an effort to boost his science GPA.

**For more information:** please refer to the “Academic Standing, Course Deletions, and Repeated Coursework” FAQ document at <http://www.uml.edu/Health-Sciences/PT/Exercise-Physiology/Current-EP-Students.aspx>.

## **ADDENDUM to the Exercise Physiology Program Student Manual: Pre-Requisite Courses at UML for DPT/EP Students**

Effective upon delivery and receipt to students via email and posting to the department website - Incoming freshmen admitted into DPT/EP can only take pre-requisite science courses at UML to count towards the 3.4 required sciences GPA.