

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) for Financial Aid Recipients

Effect on Maximum Time Frame if Student Changes Major

- Changing a major could mean that the student must take additional courses, which could cause problems completing their degree or certificate within the 150% of the standard length of their academic program.
- When a student changes their academic credential from Degree to Certificate (without completing the Degree), all previous classes the student attempted toward the Degree will be counted in the determination of financial aid eligibility for the Certificate.
- Switching from Degree to a Certificate credential will not increase the length of time for financial aid eligibility, since the total number of credit hours is computed on the first Degree attempted.

Standard 1 – Grade Point Average

- Students must have 2.0 cumulative grade point average
- Example: A first-time student who attempts 12 credit hours, and has a cumulative grade point average of 2.01, is considered to have met this measure.

Standard 2 – Pace of Progress

- Completion rate is the total number of credits earned divided by the total number of credits attempted, multiplied by 100.
- Students must complete 66% of credits attempted.

Standard 3 – Maximum Time Frame

- Financial aid eligibility ends once a student has attempted 150% of the credits required for a degree **or** if it becomes mathematically impossible for the student to complete their program within the 150% maximum time frame.

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Financial Aid Warning:

- The first time a student fails to meet SAP, the student will be placed on Financial Aid Warning.
- Students on Warning status are permitted to receive one additional semester of financial aid.
- If the standard is not met after a term (or two) on Financial Aid Warning, Title IV federal aid is terminated and is not reinstated unless:
 - The student subsequently meets the required SAP standard, or
 - The student successfully appeals his/her aid termination*
- Student files an appeal and if it is approved (See Appeals Procedure), the student's status can be changed to Financial Aid Probation.

Appeals Procedure:

*Appeal must include circumstances that caused the student to fail to meet the satisfactory progress standard, and must include information on what has changed to enable the student to meet standards in the upcoming semester.

Financial Aid Probation:

- During the semester of Financial Aid Probation, a student must meet the following academic requirements:
 - The student must earn at least a 2.0 semester average, and
 - The student must pass all semester courses with at least a C, and
 - The student may not receive any grades of W (Withdraw) or I (Incomplete)
- If a student meets the requirements in that semester but has not yet attained the required cumulative grade point average, the student may have one additional semester of Probation utilizing a Financial Aid Academic Progress Plan.
- If the standard is not met after the additional semester of Financial Aid Probation, financial aid is terminated.