

# Satisfactory Academic Progress

## **Undergraduate Students**

Recipients of financial aid, including most loan programs, must make satisfactory academic progress toward their degree. The Satisfactory Academic Progress policy contains three components: Qualitative, Quantitative and Maximum Time. Students will be reviewed for progress at the end of each semesters.

### Qualitative measure (CGPA):

To maintain the Qualitative component of Satisfactory Academic Progress a student must achieve a certain Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) based on the number of credits attempted.

Credits Attempted	Minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average needed
0.5-29.5	1.80
30-59.5	1.90
60.0 and above	2.00

### Quantitative Measure:

To maintain the Quantitative component of Satisfactory Academic Progress a student must achieve a certain course completion rate based on the number of credits attempted.

Credits Attempted	Minimum Course Completion Rate
0.5-29.5	65.00%
30-59.5	70.00%
60.0 and above	75.00%

Note: First year, first semester students (non-transfer), regardless of credits attempted, who fall below a 1.800 CGPA but are at or above 1.650%, and/or fall below the 65% completion rate but are at or above 60.00%, are placed on Academic Warning for one semester. The student must meet the standards for Satisfactory Academic Progress at the end of second semester or he or she will be placed on Academic Probation.

### Maximum Time:

In no case may a student take more than 150% of the published program credits. There is no appeal for exceeding 150% of the published program credits.

Please note these are general financial aid eligibility requirements. Requirements to renew academic scholarships and athletic eligibility may be different.

### Financial Aid Warning

When a student fails to meet Qualitative and/or Quantitative measure they will be placed on Financial Aid Warning. Financial aid eligibility will continue for one semester while the student works toward meeting the standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress.

### Financial Aid Suspension and Probation

Students who continue fail to meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress standards after one semester of Financial Aid Warning will be place on Financial Aid Suspension and ineligible for additional financial aid. Financial Aid

Suspension may be appealed and students may receive one additional semester of financial aid with an explanation of the circumstances and an approved plan to meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards. Students who make progress toward meeting the standards but have not yet met the minimum standards may have financial aid eligibility renewed one semester at a time.

#### Other Notes:

- Courses graded with a W, I, F, IE, IC, FN, NR, or CP are counted as credits attempted but not successfully completed.
- Courses dropped before the published add/drop date each term do not count as credits attempted.
- Transfer credits are neutral for the Qualitative measure (CGPA), but transfer credits do count as credits attempted.
- Credit for pass/fail courses counts toward attempted hours for academic progress. A grade of "P" (pass), will not affect a student's GPA; however, a grade of "F" (fail) will affect the GPA.
- Consortium courses count as attempted credits for both the quantitative and qualitative measure.
- Courses with a grade of WC do not count as attempted courses for either the quantitative or qualitative measure.

#### Process for Evaluation and Notification

At the end of each semester the Financial Aid Office will determine if a student is meeting all three standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress. Students who are failing to meet any of the standards will be notified by letter.

### **Graduate Students**

Full-time graduate students are expected to complete 18 credit hours per academic year. Satisfactory Academic Progress reviews are conducted at the end of fall and spring semesters.

#### Qualitative Measure (CGPA)

Graduate students are expected to maintain a minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 3.0 or better.

#### Quantitative measure

Graduate students are expected to complete at least 70% of all credits attempted.

#### Maximum Time

In no case may a student take more than 150% of the published program credits. There is no appeal for exceeding 150% of the published program credits.

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#### Financial Aid Warning

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### Addendum for Use of Pass Fail

#### Financial Aid Suspension and Probation

Students who make progress toward meeting the standards but have not yet met the minimum standards may have financial aid eligibility renewed one semester at a time. Due to the pandemic students were given the option to receive a passing grade (P) instead of a traditional letter grade. Passing grades will count toward a student's course completion ratio (quantitative measure), but does not affect the student's GPA (qualitative measure). Because of this, if a student receives all Ps then their GPA will not increase such that tracking progress toward meeting SAP standards in the traditional manner cannot be performed. Therefore, students who do not increase their GPA due to grades P and WC, but increase their course completion ratio will be considered as making progress and will be considered for financial aid probation per an appeal in the following term. Please note that failing grades (F) still affect both the student's qualitative and quantitative measurements for SAP.

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