



Satisfactory Academic Progress

Student Financial Aid

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Satisfactory Academic Progress

- Standards of academic progress that students must maintain to receive financial aid
- Required through Department of Education (HEA Sec. 668.34)
 - Institutions must set standards and monitor progress
- Progress is monitored after each semester (Fall, Spring, Summer)

What are the Standards?

- Cumulative GPA of at least 2.00
- Cumulative Completion Rate of at least 67%
- Completion of coursework within 150% of published program length

Cumulative GPA & Completion Rate

- Cumulative GPA of 2.00
 - Cannot be rounded
- Cumulative Completion Rate of 67%
 - Cannot be rounded
 - What grades count “against” completion rate:
 - F, W, WP, WF, I

Cumulative GPA & Completion Rate

- At the end of each term, the student's SAP status is reviewed by OSFA
- If student is not meeting requirements, they receive one term of Warning
- If cumulative standards are not met at the end of the Warning term, student will be Terminated from Financial Aid.
- Termination: The point at which a student is no longer eligible to receive financial aid (grants, scholarships, loans, Parent Loans, etc.); normally, this is following an unsuccessful term of Warning or Probation

Reinstatement of Comp % and/or GPA

- **Reinstatement by Achievement**

- Student can attend; however, cannot receive financial aid.

- **Reinstatement of a Student with Grade Changes**

- Student notifies us that a change has been made in their grades and requests a re-evaluation

- **Reinstatement through Appeal (Failed Warning Appeal)**

- Statement explaining extenuating circumstances
- Supporting documentation validating circumstances
- Academic Plan (completed with academic advisor)
- Failed Warning Appeal Form

Appeal Process



Most appeals are denied for lack of supporting documentation

Approved Appeal

- Student is notified by OSFA (email and letter)
- Student is now on PROBATION and must meet the following standards PER TERM to continue eligibility:
 - Enroll in no more than 12 credit hours
 - Earn at least a 2.00 GPA in term
 - No withdrawals after the 100% refund period
 - Repeat courses that are major, minor, and general education requirements that have received a low grade.
- At the end of each semester, students on PROBATION are reviewed.

150% of Maximum Timeframe

- Student can receive financial aid through 150% of the program's published timeframe
- Most Bachelor's degrees are 120 hours
- Student can use financial aid up through 150% or 180 hours
- Once they reach the 180 hours, they are Terminated-Max Hours.

APPEAL

- Graduation Plan
 - Meet with Academic Advisor and determine which courses they have taken count towards their current program
 - If enough courses can be "deleted" for total hours attempted to be below 180, appeal is approved.

5/31/2019 • Aid is reinstated.

Student Notification

How do students know what their SAP status is?

- CougarNet:
 - Financial Aid > Financial Aid Status > Award Year > Financial Aid Status
- Email notifications for Warning
- Email and letter notifications for all Terminations at the end of term