

Satisfactory Academic Progress

Could I lose my financial aid?

[Is my cumulative GPA below 2.00?](#)

[Have I dropped/failed too many classes?](#)

[Have I taken too many hours?](#)

If you answered “YES” to any one of these questions,
your financial aid could be terminated.

See below for more information

Am I meeting Federal Requirements?

Is my cumulative GPA below 2.00?

A student must maintain at least a 2.00 cumulative GPA. If a student’s cumulative GPA is less than 2.00, s/he is placed on **Warning** for one term only. After the warning term, a student whose cumulative GPA is still below 2.00 will be **terminated** from financial aid.

Have I dropped/failed too many classes?

A student must complete and pass at least 67% of his/her cumulative attempted hours. Accepted transfer hours and developmental courses are included in the calculation. If a student’s cumulative completion rate is less than 67%, s/he is placed on **Warning** for one term only. After the warning term, a student whose cumulative completion rate is less than 67% will be **terminated** from financial aid.

Have I taken too many hours?

A student must complete his/her program within 150% of the published length. For example, a student enrolled in a degree program requiring 124 hours will be **terminated** from financial aid after s/he has attempted 186 hours. Developmental courses are not counted in the 150% maximum timeframe calculation; accepted transfer hours are counted. There is **no Warning** term. See "[Be Re-Evaluated for Maximum Hours](#)".

How Do I Check My Financial Aid Status?

Go to [CougarNet](#) at <http://www.siue.edu/COUGARNET>

Click "Enter CougarNet with your e-ID" (1st option) or "Enter CougarNet with your University ID" (2nd option)

Click "Financial Aid" (3rd option) or (3rd tab)

Click on "Financial Aid Status (1st option)

Click Drop-down menu for Select Aid Year

Select correct aid year; Click "Submit"

Scroll to "Based on your academic transcript. . . ."

What Can I Do If My Financial Aid Is Terminated?

File an Appeal

If extenuating circumstances (illness, death in the family, etc.) contributed to the student's lack of Satisfactory Academic Progress, s/he may request an appeal. Appeal forms may be found at:

http://www.siue.edu/financialaid/pdf/Appeal_11-12.pdf.

Be Reinstated

If a student does not qualify to file an appeal, s/he may pursue reinstatement by attending SIUE without the financial aid from which s/he has been terminated. If s/he achieves a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or better and a cumulative completion rate of 67% or better, s/he may request financial aid reinstatement. A student may also request reinstatement if grade changes have improved his/her status to the required minimums.

Be Re-Evaluated for Maximum Hours

There is no appeal for exceeding the maximum timeframe, but a student's eligibility can be re-evaluated due to program changes, additional required prerequisites, etc.

Do not lose your \$\$\$

United States Department of Education regulations, Illinois Student Assistance Commission rules, and University policy require a student applying for and/or receiving federal, state, and most University financial assistance, including student employment, must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress in order to receive these funds. Students must be making satisfactory academic progress regardless of whether the student has previously received aid. The standards must be cumulative and include all prior terms of attendance at SIUE.

- The Financial Aid Office may attempt to notify some students by mail of their standing at the end of each term. However, **students** are responsible for knowing the standards and applying them to their academic history. In addition, students are notified on [CougarNet](#) of their current standing, and **students** are responsible for reviewing that information and understanding how it affects their financial aid eligibility.
- This policy applies to undergraduate and graduate students. Some academic programs and financial aid awards may have stricter requirements which would always supersede this policy.
- This policy applies to all Federal Title IV programs, all state, and most institutional programs. The policy does **not** apply to graduate assistantship or employee tuition waivers. Alternative (private) loans and many private scholarships may also be exempt from these requirements.
- Attempted courses are those that remain on the academic transcript after the end of the 100% refund period.
- Completed courses are those in which a grade of A, B, C, D or P is received. Courses in which a WP, WE, WF, W, US, PR, I, AU, E, F, no credit, or blank is received are considered not completed.
- Financial aid may be received only for the first 30 attempted developmental (courses numbered below 100) hours.

- Students must be enrolled in a program of study leading toward a degree offered by the institution. Students cannot continue receiving financial aid for the same program in which they have already received a degree.
- Unclassified Graduate students may receive financial aid for one calendar year if they are taking pre-requisites for a graduate program, as verified by the department.
- Students who have already received a degree (at any institution) can receive financial aid (limited to loans and some tuition waivers) at SIUE if they are pursuing initial (not additional) Illinois State Teacher Certification.
- The policy is cumulative and regulations state very clearly that they apply to any financial aid applicant/recipient regardless of prior financial aid history (or lack thereof). Past performance is often indicative of future performance and we are unable to award federal, state, and/or institutional funds to a student who has not performed well in past terms.

For additional information, see the [Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy – Undergraduate/Graduate](#).