

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

What is Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)?

In order to get financial aid, students must meet certain criteria while in school. A general guideline to follow in order to meet SAP is maintain a minimum of a 2.0 GPA and do not drop or withdraw from more than 25% of classes. Details for this policy are below:

- The federal government requires the Financial Aid Office assure each student is making adequate progress toward degree completion each year. Students who are not making progress as established by federal guidelines are not eligible to receive financial aid the following academic year.
- Students are evaluated for Satisfactory Progress each year following the conclusion on the spring semester. Those who do not meet the federal guidelines will be notified and given the option to (a) attend summer school to resolve deficiencies or (b) submit a written appeal to the Satisfactory Academic Progress Committee explaining the steps he/she will take to recover academically in the future. Appeals are evaluated monthly throughout the summer, and students who are approved will be given specific conditions to follow so they may receive aid in the future. Conditions may include being placed on an individualized Academic Plan with the Office of Student Success and Retention, or being given a single semester of aid in which to improve academic progress. Failure to meet conditions of appeal will result in a permanent denial of financial aid.
- The federal GPA guidelines are:
 - ◆ Freshmen (attempted credits 1-26.5 credit hours): 1.50 cumulative GPA
 - ◆ Sophomores (attempted credits 27-59.5 credit hours): 1.75 cumulative GPA
 - ◆ Upperclassmen (attempted credits 60+): 2.00 cumulative GPA
- All students must complete at least 75% of their attempted hours. Total attempted hours are established following the add/drop period of each semester. Students who withdraw from a class following the add/drop deadline should be aware that even a WP grade counts as attempted hours not completed.
- Students who have attempted more than 192 credit hours without earning their first bachelor's degree are not eligible to receive federal financial aid, and may not appeal.