

FEDERAL REGULATIONS

Effective July 1, 2011

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AND PROGRESS

To receive financial aid, a student must demonstrate satisfactory academic performance and progress.

Satisfactory Academic Performance is defined as maintaining a satisfactory cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA).

Satisfactory Academic Progress is defined as the ratio of credits completed compared to the number of credits attempted.

The chart below list the quantitative and qualitative requirements for academic performance and progress.

Satisfactory Academic Performance

- ❖ First semester, a cumulative GPA of 1.4 or higher is required.
- ❖ Second semester, a cumulative GPA of 1.6 or higher is required
- ❖ Third semester, a cumulative GPA of 1.8 or higher is required
- ❖ Fourth semester, or more, a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher is required.

Satisfactory Academic Progress

Credits attempted	Percentage completed
12-24	50%
25-48	60%
49-72	70%
73-96	80%
97+	90%

“D” grades do not count as completed courses for ESL, Developmental Studies and courses in the major.

REMEDIAL CREDITS: Financial Aid will fund up to 30 credits of remedial courses. Remedial credits count towards grade point average (GPA) and attempted credits.

ATTEMPTED CREDITS: Attempted credit hours are defined as the hours for which the student is enrolled and charged on the census date [the 10th day of enrollment] of the semester. Earned or completed hours are defined as the hours which the student has earned a grade of A, B, C, or D . Withdrawals, incompletes, audits, failures **are not**

considered earned credit hours. Remedial courses and repeated courses are included in the calculation of attempted and earned credit hours.

MAXIMUM TIME LIMIT REQUIREMENTS: Students must complete their course work within the maximum time frame which is 150% of the published length of the education program measured by the attempted and transferred credits.

EVALUATION OF STANDARDS OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS: A financial aid recipient's academic progress is evaluated after the end of the spring semester. At that time, a student will either be satisfactory or unsatisfactory.

A student who is satisfactory is in "good standing" and has met both the requirements of SAP (performance and progress).

Students who are unsatisfactory will be placed on financial aid "Warning" for the next semester following the semester of unsatisfactory performance.

Students who have been placed on a "Warning" semester, which is intended to alert the student that they are at risk of losing their financial aid.

Students who do not meet the Standards of Academic Progress at the end of their "Warning" semester, must submit an "Appeal" to the Financial Aid Appeal Committee.

WARNING : If a student fails to meet satisfactory academic progress requirements, they will be placed on a "warning" is eligible for financial aid for one payment period after the "Warning" term (i.e., Fall semester).

PROBATION : If a student did not satisfactorily regain good academic standing, the student must file a "Financial Aid Appeal" with the Financial Aid Appeal Committee. The student will not be awarded financial aid unless the appeal has been approved and the student has been placed on "Probation".

A student is placed on "probation" after an Approved Appeal. Financial aid will be paid for one payment period only, and the student must successfully complete the "conditions of probation" or the "terms of their Academic Plan" to receive financial aid for the following semester or payment period after the probationary period. Students who are on Probation will have the SAP reviewed after completion of their probationary semester.

MAXIMUM TIMEFRAME

Students who have attempted more than 150% of their degree program are ineligible for financial aid. The 150% maximum timeframe is as follows:

College Level = 97 attempted credits

Remedial = 127 attempted credits

ESL = 153 attempted credits

SUSPENSION: If a student fails to meet the conditions of the Probation semester, or the terms of their Academic Plan, their financial aid will be suspended and the student cannot regain financial aid eligibility until such time they are meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress and Performance.

APPEALS and REINSTATEMENT: Students may appeal their suspension status by submitting a letter of appeal along with documentation to the Financial Aid Appeals Committee. Extenuating circumstances that may be considered are medical problems, illness or death in the family, work conflicts, and other catastrophic events.

Please Note: Failure to meet the standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress does not preclude a student from enrolling in subsequent semesters provided the student meets the academic requirements of the College.