



Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress # 1330.020

INITIAL EFFECTIVE DATE:	LAST REVISION DATE:	RESPONSIBLE UNIVERSITY DIVISION/DEPARTMENT
January 13, 2012	January 10, 2024	Office of Financial Aid

POLICY STATEMENT

To receive assistance under the Student Financial Assistance (SFA) Programs, a student must meet the Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). The University has established a satisfactory progress policy for the purpose of monitoring whether the student meets these standards. Students who fail to make progress towards completion of their degree as specified under this policy will be issued warning letters, placed on probation, or suffer suspension or termination of financial aid. Any student denied financial aid who can prove special circumstances has the right to appeal the decision within 60 days of the Financial Aid Office notification.

SCOPE

All students receiving Financial Aid

REASON FOR POLICY

Federal Title IV eligibility requirement

DEFINITIONS	
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Qualitative (G.P.A.)	Students must maintain the required grade point average (GPA) necessary to continue as degree candidates at the University. Therefore, they must maintain an academic standing consistent with the University's Academic Retention Policy as outlined in the University Catalog.
Quantitative (PACE)	Undergraduate and Graduate students must successfully complete 67% of the total number of all attempted credits taken at the University, inclusive of transfer credits accepted by the University.
Maximum Time Frame	The time frame of a student's eligibility for financial aid is limited to 150% of the number of credits required to complete a degree as defined in the university catalog.



Mathematically Impossible Time Frame	The point at which students are determined to be ineligible for financial aid when it becomes mathematically impossible for students to complete their degree program within 150% of its length for undergraduate and graduate programs.
SAP Initial Appeal	Students who do not meet the Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress may appeal the suspension of financial aid eligibility.
SAP Final Appeal	Students who have either failed during their probationary period, or have had their initial appeal denied, will have the right to appeal the decision by submitting a one opportunity final appeal application. Final appeal requests grant the students an opportunity to meet with a committee of University personnel.
SAP Mathematically Impossible Time Frame Appeal	Students who receive a mathematically impossible time frame determination will have the right to appeal the decision by submitting a one opportunity mathematically impossible time frame appeal application. Mathematically impossible time frame appeal requests grant the students an opportunity to meet with a committee of University personnel.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Office of Financial Aid: Required by federal regulations to monitor the academic progress of financial aid applicants. All prior academic progress will be evaluated to determine eligibility for financial aid at the end of each term. Determines student’s continued Financial Aid eligibility. Processes Satisfactory Academic Progress initial, final, and mathematically impossible time frame appeals to re-establish Financial eligibility.

Office of Registrar: Monitors grades, academic standing (Warnings, Probations, and Dismissals), and Dismissals.

Academic Affairs: Monitors and advises students on both Satisfactory Academic Progress and potential Financial Aid ineligibility due to Satisfactory Academic Progress.



RELATED RESOURCES

F.I.U. Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy website:

<https://onestop.fiu.edu/finances/receiving-aid/satisfactory-academic-progress/>

Federal Satisfactory Academic Progress Regulation:

[http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-](http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?c=ecfr&SID=9b0be01839ad274bc33fe014604ea2de&rgn=div8&view=text&node=34:3.1.3.1.34.3.39.4&idno=34)

[idx?c=ecfr&SID=9b0be01839ad274bc33fe014604ea2de&rgn=div8&view=text&node=34:3.1.3.1.34.3.39.4&idno=34](http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?c=ecfr&SID=9b0be01839ad274bc33fe014604ea2de&rgn=div8&view=text&node=34:3.1.3.1.34.3.39.4&idno=34)

Federal Title IV eligibility Requirement:

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/eligibility>

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PROCEDURE STATEMENT

For purposes of this Policy and the receipt of financial aid, the Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress are reviewed at the end of each semester for the Qualitative, Maximum Time Frame, and the Quantitative requirements. The following components are measured to determine if satisfactory progress has been achieved:

1. Qualitative: Students must maintain the required grade point average (GPA) necessary to continue as degree candidates at the University. Therefore, they must maintain an academic standing consistent with the University's Academic Retention Policy as outlined in the University Catalog.
2. Quantitative: Credit Hour Completion. Undergraduate and graduate students must successfully complete 67% of all attempted credits taken each semester at the University. Warning: The first time a student does not successfully complete 67% of all attempted credits taken at the University by the end of a semester will be placed on SAP Warning. The student retains eligibility for financial aid as long as the Qualitative and Timeframe measures are met. If, at the end of the next semester of attendance, the student does not successfully complete 67% of all attempted credits taken at the University the student loses financial aid eligibility and must Appeal to regain eligibility.
3. Maximum Time Frame (Time Limitation for Degree Completion). FIU does not have any policy on time limit for undergraduate degree completion. A proxy for time limit has been determined to be 150% of the credits required for the degree (i.e., 180 credits for the standard 120 credit bachelor’s degree). Credits include attempted credits at the university (inclusive of ALL degree requirements, even including those waived/exempted for academic purposes via the approval of Academic Amnesty/Salvage Policies) and transfer credits accepted in satisfaction of course requirements for the degree. Noncredit and/or remedial courses are not included in the quantitative measurements. Total number of credits taken is reviewed at the end of each semester. At each evaluation point, undergraduate and graduate students who are in Warning for Time Frame will be reviewed to determine if it is mathematically impossible for the students to complete the program within 150% of the length of their programs.



INITIAL AND FINAL APPEALS

Any student denied financial aid who can prove special circumstances has the right to appeal the decision within 60 days of the Financial Aid Office notification. The appeal must be submitted in writing and supportive documentation must be attached. If the appeal is denied, the student may submit a final appeal to the Financial Aid Appeals Committee. Students will be notified of the Committee's decision within thirty days of receipt of their appeal. The decision of the Committee shall be final.

MATHEMATICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TIME FRAME APPEALS

Any student denied financial aid who can present an academic plan that demonstrates it is possible to complete their degree within 150% of its length has the right to appeal the decision within 60 days of the Financial Aid Office notification. Appeals may include changes to the student's degree program and/or the number of credits that apply to the degree. The appeal must be submitted in writing and supportive documentation must be attached. Students will be notified of the Committee's decision within thirty days of receipt of their appeal. The decision of the Committee shall be final.

FINANCIAL AID APPEALS COMMITTEE

The Financial Aid Appeals Committee is comprised of University personnel from various offices.