

Satisfactory Academic Progress

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Federal regulations require that all student financial aid recipients make satisfactory academic progress (SAP) toward graduation. Students must meet all three of the SAP standards outlined below in order to maintain eligibility to receive federal and state financial aid. The standards apply to all terms of enrollment, regardless of whether or not the student received financial aid. SAP is measured by three components:

Qualitative—a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) must be attained at the end of each semester as specified in the following chart:

1 st semester	1.44	2 nd semester	1.50
3 rd semester	1.56	4 th semester	1.61
5 th semester	1.67	6 th semester	1.72
7 th semester	1.78	8 th semester	1.83
9 th semester	1.89	10 th semester	1.94
11 th semester	1.99	12 th semester	2.00

Quantitative—a student must earn at least three course credits toward the degree each semester. A freshman, however, is still considered to be meeting SAP if he earns only two course credits during his first semester at Wabash.

Cumulative Progress—students who have attempted more than 51 course credits (150% of the 34 course credit graduation requirement) are no longer eligible to receive financial aid. Attempted course credits include transfer credits, withdrawals, repeated courses, and incomplete grades (until a successful grade is assigned).

Additionally, students must complete a sufficient number of course credits to be on pace to graduate within 150% of the standard eight semester program completion timeframe. Therefore, a minimum cumulative amount of course completions must be attained at the end of each semester as specified in the following chart:

1 st semester	2	2 nd semester	5
3 rd semester	8	4 th semester	11
5 th semester	14	6 th semester	17
7 th semester	20	8 th semester	23
9 th semester	26	10 th semester	29
11 th semester	32	12 th semester	34

All three components are measured at the end of each semester for degree-seeking students.

Financial Aid Warning

A student will be automatically placed on Financial Aid Warning for one semester if he fails to meet any of the Satisfactory Academic Standards at the time of review. Students on Financial Aid Warning are eligible to receive financial aid for one semester.

Students on Financial Aid Warning are reviewed at the end of the warning semester. A student will be removed from Financial Aid Warning if he satisfactorily completes the semester and meets all of the Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards.

A student who does not attain SAP at the end of his Financial Aid Warning semester will no longer be eligible to receive financial aid. He may, however, submit an appeal to be placed on Financial Aid Probation for the following semester.

Financial Aid Probation

A student who fails to attain SAP after his Financial Aid Warning semester may be placed on Financial Aid Probation for one semester by completing the Financial Aid Probation Request Form. A student on Financial Aid Probation will be eligible to receive financial aid for one semester. The Financial Aid Probation Request Form must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office by the requested date or the student will not be placed on Financial Aid Probation.

Students on Financial Aid Probation are reviewed at the end of the probationary semester. A student will be removed from Financial Aid Probation if he satisfactorily completes the semester and meets all of the Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards.

Loss of Aid Eligibility

If a student does not attain SAP upon completion of his probationary semester, he will no longer be eligible to receive financial aid.

Regaining Lost Aid Eligibility

A student who has lost financial aid eligibility may choose to enroll without the benefit of any financial aid. If SAP is regained during such a period of enrollment, he will regain eligibility for financial aid for subsequent terms of enrollment.

Appeals

Students who fail to attain SAP after a probationary semester may appeal the subsequent loss of financial aid eligibility. A written appeal, accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation, must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office. Circumstances eligible for consideration include:

- (1) Death of an immediate family member of the student
- (2) Injury or illness of the student
- (3) Other special circumstances

All appeals are reviewed by the Financial Aid Committee and all decisions are final. A student is limited to two appeals during his Wabash tenure. If a student is enrolled while his appeal is pending and the appeal is ultimately denied, he will be responsible for all charges incurred during that semester.