

Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards I-1

Policy statement effective summer II 2019, to remain eligible for institutional, federal and state financial aid programs, students need to make satisfactory academic progress (SAP) toward a degree or certificate.

Standards are applied to all students who wish to establish or maintain financial aid eligibility at Western Michigan University, regardless of whether they have received financial aid in t(f(p-0.6 (1)1.78(1.2 ()9.64 (.)22.556 0 T5(\$7)EVI4P18 9.5003A9 2B30.5 (v)-

WMU Student Financial Aid - Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards I-1

REVIEW PROCEDURES

- After grades are posted each semester, Student Financial Aid will review academic history files of financial aid students for the 67% and GPA standards.
- After census of each semester, Student Financial Aid will review the academic history files of financial aid students for the maximum total hours attempted.

Student Financial Aid will notify students via their WMU email of the academic progress status for financial aid purposes. Whether a student has received financial aid in the past is not relevant.

SAP STATUS CODES

SATISFACTORY

- The student met the overall standards for financial aid.
- The student is eligible for financial aid.

WARNING

- The first semester that a student falls below either the 67% completion rate, or the 2.00 cumulative GPA, and the overall attempted hours do not exceed 150% of attempted hour maximum.
- Student is eligible for financial aid, however, must meet SAP the semester following their semester of Warning.

PROBATION

- The student has not met one or more of the standards of SAP and is not eligible for Warning status; has filed an appeal which has been approved on the condition that the overall standards of SAP will be met by the end of the semester.
- Student is eligible for financial aid for the semester of Probation.

ACADEMIC PLAN

- The student has not met one or more of the standards of SAP and is not eligible for Warning status; has filed an appeal which has been approved.
- Student is eligible for aid for the semester in which the appeal was approved.
- Will maintain eligibility for future semesters as long as the student meets the terms of the academic plan, or meets the overall standards of SAP by the end of the semester.

UNSATISFACTORY

- The student has not met one or more of the standards of SAP.
- Is not eligible for financial aid.
- May regain eligibility for financial aid if the student is either:
 1. Able to bring the academic record within standards (i.e. brings cumulative GPA back over 2.00, or is able to bring completion percentage back over the 67% minimum); **or**
 2. Files a financial aid Academic Progress Appeal, and that appeal is able to be approved.

APPEAL PROCESS

If the student has received a “not eligible” notice due to not meeting SAP, the student may appeal for reinstatement of their financial aid eligibility based on extenuating circumstances. Submit by the appeal deadline dates noted below for the respective semester.

Appeal forms are available at <http://wmich.verifymyfafa.com>

Reinstatement of financial aid is dependent upon professional judgment and awards are based on the availability of funds.

Each request will be considered on an individual basis and may take up to two weeks to process (depending upon the time of year).

Following are examples of “extenuating circumstances” that may be considered for an appeal:

- Significant medical illness or injury.
- Death of a close relative.
- Change in academic program of study along with another significant event.
- Obtaining a second bachelor's degree.
- A significant event, or personal tragedy.

After reviewing the appeal, students will be notified of the decision.

If an appeal is denied, the student must clear up the deficiencies in order to receive financial aid.

If a student's appeal has been approved, they will be placed on probation or an academic plan and will be eligible to receive financial aid for the semester of their approval period.

Students who do not meet the conditions of probation or the academic plan will not be eligible for financial aid effective the next semester. If there are extenuating circumstances, students may appeal. If an appeal is denied, the student must clear up the deficiencies in order to receive financial aid.

Note: If a student received the Michigan Competitive Scholarship and has a GPA below 2.00, they are not eligible for reinstatement of the scholarship until their GPA is 2.00 or higher.

QUESTIONS & CONCERNS

If you have questions, please call (269) 387-6000, email us at finaid-info@wmich.edu, visit Bronco Express in the Bernhard Center or view our website at www.wmich.edu/finaid.

APPEAL DEADLINE DATES

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