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SAP

Satisfactory Academic Progress

**WHAT YOU NEED TO
KNOW ABOUT MAINTAINING
YOUR FINANCIAL FUNDS**

**FLORIDA
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OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

WHAT is Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)?

To be eligible for federal and state financial aid programs, students are required by the U.S. Department of Education and the State of Florida Department of Education to maintain **Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)** as they work toward completing their educational objectives. Florida SouthWestern State College's SAP policy is explained in this guide. A complete policy statement is available in our Financial Aid Guidelines available on the Office Of Student Financial Aid website.

WHICH financial aid programs are affected by SAP policy?

All aid offered at Florida SouthWestern State College is affected by the SAP policy. These programs are:

- Federal Pell Grant
- Florida Student Assistance Grant
- FSEOG (Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant)
- Foundation Scholarships
- Work-Study Program
- Subsidized and Unsubsidized Federal Direct Loans

WHO is affected by SAP policy?

All students who apply for, receive and/or wish to receive financial aid are affected by the SAP Policy.

WHAT are SAP policy requirements?

- Maintain a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher
- Complete a minimum of 67% of all classes attempted
- Due to student's financial aid eligibility limitation, degree programs must be completed within 150% of the total credits required for their program. (For example, if a student's program has a total of 60 credits, you must complete it within no more than 90 ($60 \times 1.5=90$) credits to continue to receive financial aid.)

WHAT is a 2.0 GPA?

A 2.0 GPA is a "C" average. Your GPA is calculated by dividing the number of "grade points" you received by the number of credits you attempted. Grades have the following "point" value:

- A = 4 Points
- B = 3 points
- C = 2 points
- D = 1 point
- F = 0 points

For example: If you enroll and complete 12 credits in a semester with all "C" grades, you will have earned a 2.0 GPA. ($24 \text{ points} \div 12 \text{ credits} = 2.0$)

WHAT is a 67% completion rate?

Students must successfully complete 67 % of all attempted courses. (Earned divided by attempted = completion rate). The following grades are counted as attempted credit hours when calculating completion rate but will not count as earned credits: F, W, I, and NR. In some courses a "C" is required in order for the course to be counted as earned/passed.

WHAT happens when a financial aid recipient does not meet SAP requirements?

Effective for the 2014/2015 academic year, SAP will be evaluated by the Office of Student Financial Aid **once a year**. This change in policy will no longer allow a warning term. It will allow for students that have dropped below standards during the year to receive aid for Summer Term. This extra term covered by aid allows students an opportunity to meet requirements for the upcoming aid year.

WHAT is the procedure if a student wants to appeal ineligibility of financial aid?

If students are unable to meet requirements at the end of Summer Term they may Appeal, under certain circumstances, for reinstatement of aid. The following types of circumstances may be considered when evaluating a student's appeal:

- Unusual circumstances, including an extended illness or a death of a close family member
- Involuntary call to active military duty
- Natural disasters

The "**Financial Aid Academic Progress Appeal Form**" can be found at

www.fsw.edu/financialaid/forms

This information is subject to change without notice for reasons related to changes in Federal and State regulations and District policy. Students who have questions about financial aid and the SAP policy at Florida SouthWesternState College should consult with the Office of Student Financial Aid at their campus. This brochure is a summary of federal, state, district and college regulations, policies and procedures.

For additional information please go to our website www.fsw.edu/finaid