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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 to maintain **Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)** as they work towards completing their educational objectives. Florida SouthWestern State College's SAP policy is explained in this guide.

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 the SAP policy?

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

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 SouthWestern State 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

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.
- 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 x 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 points divided by 12 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, M 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?

SAP is evaluated by the Office of Student Financial Aid **once a year**. This does not provide a "warning term" for students however it does allow students who have dropped below standards during the fall or spring to take summer classes using available aid to resolve any SAP issues that may affect eligibility for the coming 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 the summer 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

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