

**Satisfactory Academic Progress
Policy
Summary
Effective Fall 2015 Semester**

- A. A student must complete at least 67% of attempted credit hours. Failure to do so will result in a loss of Federal Student Aid. Also, there is a maximum amount of time or credit hours a student has to complete a program of study. When a student meets 150% of the designated maximum hours for a program of study, graduates or completes a program of study, aid eligibility is lost. The maximum hours includes credit hours transferred in from other colleges.
(Example: a program of study requires 62 hours to complete it. If you accumulate 93 hours or more which is 62×1.5 , you will lose aid eligibility)
- B. A student must keep their cumulative grade point average (GPA) at or above 2.0. Fall below the minimum, and aid eligibility is lost.
- C. Students new to financial aid (whether transfer or new applicant) are eligible during their first semester of aid. Following the first semester, all credit hours, including those transferred in from other colleges or universities, count in the maximum credits allowed (related to item 'A' above). If a student exceeds the maximum credits or graduates/completes their program of study, they are placed in a status known as Over Maximum Timeframe which is a Probation status and aid eligibility is lost.
- D. If a student does not meet the minimum 67% completion for classes attempted or does not meet the minimum GPA (in 'B' above), the student will be moved to a 'Financial Aid Warning', but is still eligible for student aid for one semester. If a student exceeds the maximum credits for a program or has a Bachelor's Degree, the student is placed in an 'Over the Time Frame Probation' status.
- E. If, following the 'Financial Aid Warning' semester, the student is still deemed ineligible for aid the student is placed on 'Financial Aid Probation' which is a loss of all Federal Student Aid.
- F. If a student is placed on 'Financial Aid Probation', the student may file an appeal for review. The same logic applies to Over Maximum Timeframe students whereby an appeal is available, but failure to meet the objectives of the academic plan will cause loss of student aid.
- G. If an appeal is submitted, the appeal is reviewed and a decision rendered (i.e. approved or not approved). If approved, the student must follow an academic plan in order to complete their program of study and retain aid eligibility. If not approved, the student may elect to file a grievance appeal for review in accordance to the college policy.