

GUIDELINES ON SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Federal regulations require that all financial aid recipients maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) to continue receiving federal financial aid. Southern California University of Health Sciences has established the standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress according to the provisions in this policy. Students bear responsibility to stay informed of this policy's standards and to monitor their progress.

1. Satisfactory Academic Progress is based on three components:
 - a) Earned Units (Required Completion Percentage).
 - b) Cumulative Grade Point Average (Cumulative GPA).
 - c) Maximum Timeframe Limit.

Students must satisfy all three components in order to continue receiving financial aid.

2. Satisfactory Academic Progress will be reviewed twice a year by for currently enrolled financial aid recipients due to the expedited nature of the program. This review will take place at the end of the spring and summer terms. Students considered to have special circumstances may be reviewed at the end of each enrollment period. The Financial Aid Office at Southern California University of Health Sciences is in charge of evaluating Satisfactory Academic Progress, according to all federal regulations and the provisions of this policy.
3. The SAP standards apply to students receiving financial aid also apply to those aid-receiving students during periods when they are not receiving aid. For example, if a student receives financial aid during Spring and Fall terms, but does not receive financial aid for an intervening summer term, that student will still need to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress during the Summer term in order to be considered in good standing to continue to receive financial aid in the Fall.

Earned Units (Required Completion Percentage)

1. "Earned units" (or "completed units") with satisfactory academic progress are those courses in which the student receives a passing grade. The number of units completed with a grade of "I" (incomplete), "F" (fail), "W" (withdraw), missing grades, no grades, and for audited classes ("AU") will not count as earned units toward the minimum satisfactory academic progress requirement.
2. "Attempted units" are those units the student remains enrolled in after the add/drop period for each course. The number of units completed with a grade of "I" (incomplete), "F" (fail), "W" (withdraw), missing grades, no grades, and for audited classes ("AU") will count as attempted units toward the minimum satisfactory academic progress requirement.

3. The student must successfully complete a minimum of 67% of total attempted hours in each term (Spring, Summer, Fall) to meet the requirement for satisfactory academic progress towards earned units.

Cumulative Grade Point Average (Cumulative GPA)

1. The student must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale in order to meet the requirement for satisfactory academic progress towards cumulative GPA.

Maximum Timeframe Limit

1. The maximum timeframe allowed for the student to receive financial assistance is 72 attempted credit units, which corresponds to 150% of the program length.
2. The maximum timeframe as indicated in item 1 above is usually reached in no more than six (6) consecutive academic terms (two academic years).

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