

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP)

Students receiving financial aid are required to maintain satisfactory academic progress. SAP will be evaluated every semester including summer sessions. To be eligible to receive financial aid, a student must comply with the following conditions:

QUALITATIVE MEASURE:

Minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average:

- Undergraduate students must maintain a 2.0 on all coursework attempted
- Graduate students must maintain a 3.0 on all coursework attempted

PACE MEASUREMENTS:

1. Deficit Hours:

Students must earn at least 67% of all credit hours attempted over the course of their attendance at **ALL** educational institutions, regardless of whether or not financial aid was received. For example, if a student has attempted 100 credit hours, he or she must successfully complete 67 of those credit hours to maintain Pace compliance. This percentage includes all credit hours attempted regardless of whether or not financial aid was received. Grades of X, W, DR, S, U, NC, I or NG, and certain repeated courses are not considered to be adequate grades for completion.

2. Excessive Hours

Undergraduate and Graduate students are eligible to receive financial aid for a limited time while pursuing a degree. Once a student exceeds 150 percent of the number of credits that it takes to obtain a degree they will be considered to be ineligible for financial aid.

Undergraduate Students: The maximum number of cumulative hours a student may attempt is limited to 180 semester hours.

Graduate Students: Graduate students are permitted six (6) years from the entry date to complete a master's degree, whether or not they attend all semesters.

All periods of enrollment, including transfer hours from another college, must be considered toward the 150% calculation even if the student did not receive financial aid. Once the student has attempted 150% of the hours required to graduate, the student may not be eligible for financial aid in future semesters unless approved by the appeal process.

SAP WARNINGS & SUSPENSION

After one semester of not meeting the SAP, students will be issued a warning for the following semester and will be permitted to receive financial aid. However, after the one semester of warning, students who fail to meet any one or a combination of the SAP components will be ineligible for financial assistance. Students may then submit an appeal in writing to the FAO, but the new appeal must be based on a different reason than the original appeal. If a student wishes not to appeal, or if their appeal is denied, they will be placed on financial aid suspension and no financial aid will be awarded until SAP is met again.

APPEALS

Federal student aid regulations authorize institutions the option of allowing a student to appeal an adverse SAP decision. A&M-Texarkana will allow a student to appeal an adverse SAP decision based on extenuating circumstances beyond the student's control. The appeal must be submitted in writing and must be submitted four weeks prior to the end of the semester the student is seeking funding. A committee meets each semester before classes begin.

The appeal must provide detailed information of extenuating circumstances responsible for the student failing to meet SAP, and what has changed in the student's situation that would allow the student to demonstrate satisfactory academic progress at the next evaluation. Should an appeal be approved, the student is placed on an Academic Plan.

The submission of an appeal does not guarantee that an approval is forthcoming. Students who are denied financial aid should make alternative arrangements

MONITORING OF ACADEMIC PLAN

Academic Plans are reviewed each semester. Failure to adhere to the conditions of the Academic Plan will result in the denial or cancellation of all future aid until the student has met the minimum standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress.