



Federal regulations require all students receiving federal student aid to make satisfactory academic progress (SAP) toward a degree or certificate in order to retain eligibility for financial aid. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from federal and any other relevant aid programs at UWS.

Note: See [Policy 1233 – Academic Standing – DC and Undergraduate Studies](#) or [Policy 1234 – Academic Standing – Graduate Studies](#) for information related to academic probation, permanent academic probation, and dismissal.

Each student's SAP is evaluated after grades are posted at the end of each term. Students who do not meet the criteria below will be placed on the appropriate level of financial aid sanction. All credits are considered, whether or not financial aid was received. Students must meet qualitative (GPA) and quantitative (pace) measures. To meet SAP and continued eligibility for Title IV financial aid, a student must meet these three requirements:

1. Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or above (qualitative).
2. Maintain the minimum cumulative rate of completion (pace) rate of 67 percent, which is calculated by dividing earned credits by attempted credits (quantitative). The resulting percentage is truncated, not rounded.
3. Remain on pace to complete the program under the threshold of maximum attempted credits: 150 percent of total credits needed to complete the program.

Failure to Meet SAP

The office of financial aid will notify students who fail to meet SAP of their financial aid status, which includes:

- **Financial Aid Warning**

This status is assigned to a student who fails to achieve SAP. A student placed on financial aid warning may receive aid for one additional term of enrollment.

- **Financial Aid Probation**

This status is assigned to a student who has failed to achieve SAP for the second time, but has successfully appealed to have financial aid eligibility reinstated for an additional term. At the end of the probation term, the student must regain SAP or must be meeting the conditions of their academic plan.

- **Financial Aid Suspension**

This status is assigned when a student on financial aid warning fails to regain SAP after the financial aid warning term or when a student on financial aid probation fails to meet the conditions of their academic plan. Financial aid suspension means the student is no longer eligible for Title IV aid.

Appealing for Reinstatement of Financial Aid Eligibility

A student who is placed on financial aid suspension may submit a written appeal for reinstatement of financial aid eligibility to the director of financial aid, no later than week five of the term immediately following the term in which SAP was not achieved. The appeal must address why the student did not meet SAP standards and what has changed in the student's situation that would facilitate their ability to meet SAP at the next evaluation. Appeals must be accompanied by an academic plan, as described below, except in select cases where the office of financial aid, in consultation with the program dean, determines a student can reasonably meet SAP standards within one term. The director of financial aid will determine the outcome and respond to the appeal within one week of submission.



Academic Plan

The program dean or director and/or the registrar develop an academic plan to help ensure the student makes measured progress toward successful degree completion. Provided the student meets the conditions of their academic plan, the student can continue to receive financial aid. If the student fails to meet the conditions of the plan, the student loses aid eligibility, but reserves the right to a new appeal if emergent circumstances present.

Re-establishing SAP

SAP status is measured at the end of each term for all students, including those on financial aid suspension. A student placed on financial aid suspension who does not appeal, or whose appeal has been denied, may re-establish SAP by regaining the required GPA and program completion measures. Upon request, SAP measures can be re-evaluated during the term.

Impact of Non-passing Grades on SAP:

- Incomplete (I) and remedial (R) grades count as unearned, attempted credits for the quantitative component of SAP. GPA is not affected by incompletes.
- If a student does not meet SAP due to outstanding I or R grades, the student may request a new calculation of SAP status, once a term grade is assigned.
- Withdrawals (W) are included as attempted credits for calculation of program completion.
- Course repeats: The grade from each attempt will appear on the student's transcript and each attempt will be included in the program credit and GPA calculations. For financial aid purposes, all course attempts are counted in the calculation of program completion.
- All credits accepted for transfer (T) and/or exemption (X), and Advanced Standing (AS) are counted as both attempted and earned for program completion. GPA is not affected by transfer and/or exemption credits.

Concurrent Enrollment

With the exception of exigent circumstances, students enrolled concurrently in the chiropractic program and any other UWS academic program(s) will be evaluated primarily on progress within the chiropractic degree program.

Related Policies:

- [Policy 1207 – Grading System](#)
- [Policy 1209 – Course Exemption](#)
- [Policy 1211 – Grade Appeal](#)
- [Policy 1215 – Drop/Add Period](#)
- [Policy 1216 – Advanced Standing – Graduate and Professional Studies](#)
- [Policy 1233 – Academic Standing – DC Program and Undergraduate Studies](#)
- [Policy 1234 – Academic Standing – Graduate Studies](#)
- [Policy 1239 – Leave of Absence and Withdrawal](#)
- [Policy 2007 – Transfer Credit](#)
- [Policy 3021 – Tuition and Fee Refunds](#)
- [Policy 9009 – Student Grievance and Appeal](#)

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Policy 3804 – Satisfactory Academic Progress

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