

2011-2012
SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS POLICY
UW-PARKSIDE OFFICE OF SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID
Effective for Fall 2011 Grade Run

Federal and state financial aid regulations require that a student maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP) towards degree completion in order to receive student financial aid. The guidelines used to assess progress for financial aid purposes include: 1) GPA Evaluation 2) Pace of Progression and 3) Timeframe.

Failure to make satisfactory academic progress will result in the loss of financial aid eligibility.

How this Policy is Applied

1. This policy is separate from the University Standards of Academic Probation and Suspension. A student may be in good academic standing with the University, but still have financial aid suspended.
2. Once a student has been suspended by the University, the student is no longer eligible for student financial aid. Once the student has been reinstated to the University, he/she must submit an academic progress appeal to the Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid for consideration of reinstatement of financial aid eligibility.
3. The evaluation is conducted on a term-by-term basis and occurs after the Fall, Spring and Summer grades have been posted.
4. The GPA Evaluation is based on the previous semester's enrollment. Pace of Progression and Timeframe evaluations are based on cumulative academic information. Failure to meet one or more of the standards will result in financial aid "Warning" or "Suspension."
5. Five levels of financial aid academic progress exist: good standing, warning, suspension, probation, and academic plan (see chart for explanation of levels)
6. In most cases, a new student is given one academic year (2 semesters) before he/she could have their financial aid suspended due to not meeting this policy.
7. Two consecutive terms of not making satisfactory Financial Aid Academic Progress will result in financial aid suspension.
8. Transfer credit hours are calculated in both the pace of progression and timeframe standards of SAP.

Definitions of Financial Aid Academic Progress Status:

Financial Aid Status	Eligible for Aid	Definition of the term
Good Standing	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible to receive financial aid
Warning	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student has not met requirements of SAP for 1 semester but is eligible to receiving financial aid for 1 semester. If standards of SAP is not met by the end of the semester, student will be placed on Financial Aid Suspension
Financial Aid Suspension	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student not eligible for financial aid, but can submit an appeal to be considered for reinstatement of eligibility, if appeal is approved, student will either be placed on an Academic Plan or Financial Aid Probation
Probation	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As result of appealing for aid reinstatement after being put on Financial Aid Suspension, student's appeal approved. Eligible for aid for 1 term, but must meet SAP requirements at end of term to return to Good Standing
Academic Plan (created through the Advising Center)	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As result of appealing for aid reinstatement after being put on Financial Aid Suspension, students appeal approved. An academic plan is established which will put the student in good standing for financial aid purposes. The student must follow the plan to be eligible for financial aid. Maximum length of 3 terms

GPA Evaluation

GPA is evaluated after grades are posted at the end of the fall, spring and summer terms.

Undergraduate Students must have a minimum term GPA of 2.0

Graduate Students must maintain a 3.00 GPA.

****Official academic status and G.P.A. calculations are based on University Institutional Policy.***

Pace of Progression Standard

For Financial Aid purposes, a student must complete a minimal percentage of cumulative credits attempted to ensure progress toward degree completion. The following table shows the criteria used at UW-Parkside for measuring the pace of progression standard based upon cumulative credits attempted to cumulative hours earned*

Freshman & Sophomore	All Other Class Levels
60% of attempted credits must be earned*	75% of attempted credits must be earned*

****Earned credits do not include failed courses, incompletes, audits, or no audit grades.***

Timeframe

Federal regulations allow a student to receive financial aid up to 150% of the credits needed for degree completion. At UW-Parkside, most undergraduate programs require 120 credits, so a student can receive financial aid up to 180 credit hours attempted even if they have not graduated. This has been converted to a measure of maximum terms allowed for financial aid eligibility:

Program	Maximum Semesters Allowed*
First Bachelors Degree	15
Second Bachelors Degree	6 additional
Teacher Certification	6 additional
Graduate Student	7

*calculation based on completion of 12 credits per semester

NOTE: Wisconsin State Assistance: Wisconsin Aid Programs have a 10-semester maximum eligibility period.

Repeats/Incompletes

The University's academic policy regarding withdrawal, incomplete grades and repeated courses apply to the measurement of earned credits.

Transfer Students

Transfer students must meet the same quantitative standards that apply to all UW-Parkside students. Credits that are transferred to UW-Parkside will be calculated towards both credits attempted and credits earned. The credits will also count towards the maximum time frame for program completion.

Appeals

UW-Parkside financial aid applicants who do not meet the Academic Progress Policy will be notified by the Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid. Students may appeal financial aid suspension by submitting an appeal form with supporting documentation of extenuating circumstances which prevented the student from meeting the GPA requirement, Pace of Progression, or Timeframe and how the student will address these circumstances to ensure the standards of SAP are met in the future. Appeals will be evaluated by the Financial Aid Academic Progress Appeals Committee. Please see the appeal form for additional requirements.