

Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy
(Replaces Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy currently in the college catalog.)

Effective: 2011-2012 Academic year

Federal regulations required that all students who received any federal or state financial assistance make satisfactory academic progress toward a degree at Centre College. Satisfactory Academic Progress will be required for the following types of financial aid: Federal Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Educational opportunity Grants, Federal TEACH Grants, KHEAA State Grants, Federal Work-Study, Federal Perkins Loans, Federal Stafford loans, Federal PLUS Loans, other aid involving Title IV funds, or any other aid for which satisfactory progress is a requirement. These policies apply only to eligibility to receive financial aid and not to academic status. The satisfactory academic progress of students will be monitored at the end of each spring semester.

Recipients of Centre College endowment funds – other than merit scholarships – must meet the Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress below. However, these funds will only be awarded for a maximum of ten (10) long terms.

Satisfactory Academic Progress is measured in three ways:

- Students must progress qualitatively by earning the required grade point average.
- Students must progress quantitatively by completing the required minimum number of credits each year (Pace).
- Students must complete their program of study within a reasonable time period.

Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress

1. Qualitative Measure (GPA)

Students receiving financial aid must meet the following cumulative grade point average, based on long terms completed.

- 1 long term: 1.650 grade average
- 2 long terms: 1.750 grade average
- 3 long terms: 1.850 grade average
- 4 long terms: 1.930 grade average
- 5 long terms: 1.970 grade average
- 6 or more long terms: 2.00 grade average

2. Quantitative Measure (Pace)

Students receiving financial aid must also satisfactorily complete 67% of all hours attempted. All attempted hours will be totaled and multiplied by 67% (.67) to determine the number of credit hours a student must have earned. Grades of U, WU, WP, I, W, AU, NC, and transfer hours are counted as attempted hours and will NOT count as earned hours. Repeated courses will be included in the attempted hours total. Centre College does not offer remedial courses, so they are not included in either the hours attempted or the hours earned.

3. Maximum Time Frame

The maximum time frame in which a student must complete his or her degree cannot exceed more than 150% of the length of their academic program. Centre College requires a minimum of 110 credit hours

to complete the degree. Centre students can therefore attempt up to 165 hours and still be eligible for aid. Once 165 hours are exceeded, aid would be suspended. All repeated courses, failed courses, withdrawals, courses taken from a change in major and transferred hours will count as credit hours attempted toward the maximum time frame.

Financial Aid Suspension

Students who fail to meet the minimum Satisfactory Academic Progress Requirements will be placed on financial aid suspension. Students on financial aid suspension are NOT eligible to receive federal, state, or institutional financial aid. The mere passage of time will not restore eligibility to a student who has lost eligibility for failure to make satisfactory academic progress.

How to Regain Eligibility

1. Qualitative/GPA

To regain eligibility, complete courses at your own expense at Centre College and raise your cumulative GPA to the acceptable standard.

2. Quantitative/Pace

To regain eligibility, take courses at your own expense in a subsequent term or terms and meet the standards according to the cumulative credit hours completion ratio outlined above under the heading Quantitative measure (Pace).

3. Maximum Time Frame

Students who exceed the maximum time frame are not eligible to regain eligibility.

Right to Appeal

If there were extenuating circumstances that prevented you from meeting the standards of our Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy, then you have a right to file an appeal with the Committee for Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeals. This appeal must be a detailed appeal letter and MUST include the following:

1. The reasons why you did not meet Satisfactory Academic progress, and
2. The dates and time periods involved, and
3. An explanation of how your situation has changed and how these changes will allow you to make satisfactory academic progress at the next evaluation.

The appeal may not be based upon the need for financial aid assistance or the lack of knowledge that the financial aid assistance was in jeopardy. A student may appeal more than once if the student is placed on SAP suspension more than once. However, the basis for the subsequent appeal must be a substantially different circumstance than the prior appeal.

Appeals may be mailed to:
The FA Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeals Committee
Student Financial Planning Office
Centre College
600 W. Walnut St.

Danville, KY 40422

Or

E-mail: finaid@centre.edu

Or

FAX: 859-238-8719

Appeal Decisions

- Require approximately 3 weeks.
- Notification will be emailed to the student's centre.edu address. Decisions of the FA Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeals Committee are final.

Approved Appeals and Satisfactory Academic Progress Probation

Students whose appeals are approved may be placed on a FA SAP Academic Plan or on Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Probation for one long term only. (Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Probation is for financial aid purposes only and is separate from academic probation.)

Students placed on 'FA Probation' or FA SAP Academic plan regain eligibility for financial aid if:

- The student placed on FA probation meets ALL of the Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress by the end of one subsequent long term enrollment.
- The student has been placed on a FA SAP Academic Plan and is making progress in their academic plan after being reviewed at the end of the next long term. Subsequently, students making progress in their academic plan will be review for continued progress annually at the same time as all students are reviewed for SAP. The FA SAP Academic Plan will lead to graduation and, if followed, ensures that the student is able to meet all the Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress by a specific point in time.

Students who have met one of the standards above will be placed in 'Meets SAP' status at the conclusion of the probationary or FA SAP Academic Plan review period.

Students who do not meet all of the Standards of Satisfactory Academic progress or academic plan requirements while on 'FA Probation' will be placed on 'FA Suspension.'

This policy is subject to change without notice in order to remain compliant with federal regulations.

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