



Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy

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What is Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)?

All students who apply for financial aid must maintain satisfactory academic progress. Students can establish and maintain satisfactory academic progress by satisfying all of the following three criteria:

1. **Quality**—Students must maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 each quarter. Students are also required to have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 at the end of the second academic year (six quarters) and thereafter regardless of enrollment level. Certificate programs must maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA consistent with the requirements for graduation.
2. **Pace of Progression Towards Maximum Time Frame**— Financial Aid grant funding is available for cumulative attempted credits up to 150% of the total number of credits needed to complete the program. Remedial credits, courses below the 100 level, are included in the maximum time frame calculation. Financial aid is limited to 45 remedial credits. Students are allowed two program changes to reset the timeframe calculation. An appeal for extenuating circumstances is allowed if an extension of financial aid is needed to complete the degree or certificate.
3. **Quantity**—Student must successfully complete the highest number of credits attempted each quarter based upon the chart below. Attempted credits are counted even when they do not show on the grade transcript (due to an approved Withdrawal Refund Exception Request, for example) unless the class was dropped by the census date. Financial aid census dates for Summer quarter is the 8th day of instruction, and the 10th day of instruction for Fall, Winter, and Spring.

Determination of Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Status

Satisfactory Academic Progress will be evaluated for all financial aid applicants prior to processing aid. If a student has previous academic history at Green River College, the SAP determination will be based on the student’s college transcript. All program credits (including current program transfer credits and developmental/below college level credits) are taken into consideration whether or not aid was received. Satisfactory Academic Progress will be reviewed at the end of every term and students will be notified via their preferred email if SAP standards are not met.

What are Green River College’s Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Statuses?

| One Quarter of Enrollment | Full Time 12+ Credits | Three-Quarter Time 9-11 Credits | Half-Time 6-8 Credits | Less Than Half-Time 1-5 Credits |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Good Standing 2.0+ GPA | Completed 12 credits | Completed 9 credits | Completed 6 credits | Must complete all credits |
| Warning Status GPA = 1.0 - 1.99 | Completed 6-11 credits | Completed 5-8 credits | Completed 4-5 credits | No Warning |
| Suspension Status GPA = 0.0 - 0.99 | Completed less than 6 credits | Completed less than 5 credits | Completed less than 4 credits | Less than attempted credits |

Grades of 0.0 – 0.9, I, N, W, NC, or Y do not count toward completed credits

Meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress

Student earns a quarterly GPA of 2.0 or higher, has a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 after six (6) quarters, completes the number of credits registered for on the census date of each quarter, and the student is able to graduate within 150% of the credit length of the program.

Financial Aid Warning

Student earned a quarterly GPA between 1.9 and 1.0 and/or did not complete the number of credits registered for on the census date of the quarter, and student is able to graduate within 150% of their program length. A student is able to receive financial aid while on financial aid warning status but must meet SAP standards during the following term of enrollment to remain eligible for financial aid.

Financial Aid Suspension

Student withdrew from half or more credits within a quarter and/or earned less than 1.0 quarterly GPA. Student is not eligible to receive financial aid while on Financial Aid Suspension. Suspension is also the result of the student not meeting SAP standards while in Financial Aid Warning or Financial Aid Probation status.

Financial Aid Probation

This status is only issued when approved on a Financial Aid SAP Appeal. Student may receive financial aid for one term but must meet SAP standards by the end of that term to remain eligible for financial aid.

Maximum Time Frame Exceeded

Students have to complete their programs within 150% of the number of credits required to graduate. For example, if you're in a 90-credit program, you can take up to 135 credits to complete the program before you exceed time frame. A student may be considered for financial aid beyond the maximum of 150% of the program length by filing a [Petition to Extend Financial Aid](#). Petitions are considered on a case-by-case basis and approved under exceptional circumstances only.

Reinstatement of Financial Aid Eligibility

Financial aid eligibility may be reinstated with an approved appeal, an official change of grade, or when the student self-reinstates by paying for classes out of pocket for one term.

Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal

Students may submit a [Satisfactory Academic Progress \(SAP\) Appeal](#) when failure to maintain good academic standing was due to personal or academic circumstances beyond the student's control.

Common reasons for appeals include:

- Long-term illness, hospitalization, or other serious health issues with documentation from a doctor.
- A serious illness or death in your family during the quarter.
- An emergency or crisis that was beyond your control.
- Any other special situations you think we should know about.

If your appeal is approved, your financial aid will be reinstated on a probationary basis. During this time, you'll need to finish all your classes with at least a 2.0 GPA.

Self-Reinstatement

Students can work towards getting back on track by completing one quarter without financial aid, with a 2.0 GPA and all credits finished. During this time, they need to pay for at least 5 credits of tuition and related costs.

Students are encouraged to contact the Financial Aid Office to ask about the impact of dropping or withdrawing from classes before making changes to their schedule.

Green River College's official [Satisfactory Progress for Financial Aid](#) policy is available online.