

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Federal, State, and Institutional regulations require that educational institutions measure students' quantitative and qualitative progress toward a declared educational objective.

Saint Louis University has established the following standards to measure a student's academic progress. These standards will be applied uniformly to all students when determining their eligibility for federal, state and University administered funds and/or other funds regardless of whether the student previously received these funds.

Maximum Attempted Enrollment Credits Time Frame

The maximum attempted enrollment credits for which a student may enroll to complete their University program of study must not exceed 180 attempted enrollment credits for the completion of a 120-credit degree program. For students who transfer into the University, the 180 attempted enrollment credits' maximum includes attempted credits at other colleges/universities attended that the University accepted as transfer credits.

For academic programs requiring fewer or more than 120 credits for degree/certificate completion, the maximum attempted enrollment credits for program completion is 150% of the required credits for the program.

Completion Percentage

To maintain measurable progress toward the completion of their degrees, students must successfully complete 67% of all credits attempted (credits attempted include repeated courses, dropped courses, withdrawals and incomplete courses).

Qualitative Requirement: Cumulative University Grade Point Average (GPA)

Students must maintain a minimum University GPA that applies to all federal/state/institutional student aid programs. Minimum University GPA required differed based on program level as follows:

Undergraduate: 2.00

Graduate: 3.00

Law School: 2.30

Medical School: Medical students are not issued a GPA. Satisfactory academic progress occurs when the student passes all required courses or at the end of each term is deemed eligible by the Student Progress Committee to progress to the next academic level and passes USMLE Step 1 and 2CK exams. Please see Medical school website for additional details.

Changing Majors, Repeat and Remedial Coursework, Incomplete Courses, Withdrawals and Second-Degree Coursework

When a student changes degree programs, courses taken that do not contribute to the new degree program do not count toward the 150% requirement.

Any remedial coursework (including English as Second Language coursework) does not contribute toward the 150% completion time frame but is counted toward the qualitative 2.00 GPA requirement.

Any noncredit coursework, repeat coursework or coursework for which a grade of incomplete or withdrawn is given counts toward both the quantitative and qualitative measures for calculating SAP.

Any student pursuing a second-degree program is subject to both the 150% timeframe and the 2.00 cumulative GPA requirements.

Federal Title IV/State Eligibility

Effective July 2011, the student's academic record will be reviewed for satisfactory academic progress at the end of each semester. If a student exceeds the maximum attempted enrollment credits requirement for federal Title IV/state eligibility, that student will be terminated from receiving federal Title IV/state funds for future enrollment periods.

If a student fails to meet the minimum cumulative GPA requirement or does not earn the minimum number of credits for federal Title IV/state eligibility, that student will be placed on academic progress warning for the succeeding semester.

If, at the end of the warning semester, the student remains below the minimum cumulative GPA requirement and/or has not earned sufficient credits, the student's eligibility for federal Title IV/state aid will be terminated for future enrollment periods unless the student submits and receives approval for a Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Appeal.

Students with an approved SAP Appeal will be placed in a probationary status instead of failing SAP status. While on probation, students may continue to receive federal Title IV/state aid. Students who are required to follow an academic plan and who continue to meet the conditions of that plan will remain in probationary status for subsequent semesters until they regain full SAP compliance.

University Scholarships and Awards

At the end of each semester, the student's academic record will be reviewed for University satisfactory academic progress.

If a student fails to meet the minimum cumulative GPA requirement and completion percentage, that student will be on academic progress provisional status for the upcoming semester. If, at the end of the provisional semester, the student is still below the GPA and/or completion requirement(s), the student's eligibility for University scholarships/awards will be terminated for future enrollment periods.

Appeal Procedures for Students Terminated from Title IV, State and/ or University Scholarship and Award Eligibility

A student terminated from receiving federal Title IV/state and/ or University scholarship/award programs due to failure to meet the satisfactory academic progress requirements may appeal this termination in accordance with the following guidelines:

- An Appeal form must be submitted to the Office of Student Financial Services and will be reviewed by the appeal committee.
- Appeal forms must be signed by a faculty mentor or academic adviser signifying that a written academic plan is approved and in place.
- Extenuating circumstances include the death of a family member, illness or injury, or other circumstances beyond the student's control. Appropriate documentation of the circumstance must be provided.
- The appeal must include a statement as to why the student did not meet SAP and an explanation of what has changed to allow the student to meet SAP standards at the end of the next evaluation period.
- Students who have reached the maximum timeframe due to switching majors, second majors or additional degrees will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis through the appeal process.
- Incomplete appeals will not be reviewed.

Students will be contacted via their sls.edu email account regarding the appeal committee decision. Students whose appeals are approved will be awarded aid conditionally based on their academic plan. The terms and conditions of the appeal approval will be included in the appeal-approval email.

Regaining Eligibility For Students Terminated From Title IV Aid

A student terminated from receiving Title IV aid may regain eligibility upon obtaining the required cumulative GPA and/or increasing their course completion rate (defined as credits earned/credits attempted) to at least 67%. Repeated coursework and courses not taken for credit do not contribute to reestablishing eligibility.