

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

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To maintain eligibility for Federal Student Aid (FSA) funds, a student must make satisfactory academic progress (SAP) toward completion of a degree. SAP includes qualitative (grade-based) as well as quantitative (time-related) components. Academic progress at Chatfield College requires a student maintain a cumulative 1.50 GPA for students earning less than 16 credits, a cumulative 1.75 GPA for students earning 16 credits but less than 32 credits and a cumulative 2.0 GPA for students who have earned 32 or more credits. Students must complete the associate degree within 96 attempted hours (150% timeframe). For FSA eligibility, a student must meet the above requirements, and, in addition, must complete 67% of attempted coursework satisfactorily. All student academic records are reviewed for SAP following every semester at Chatfield College. The criteria for satisfactory academic progress are as follows:

Quantitative:

- All Chatfield credit bearing classes (this excludes 099 developmental classes) and transfer courses (accepted and listed on the transcript) are counted as courses attempted.
- Courses with final grades of A,B,C,D,R and transfer courses listed on a student's transcript are considered to be completed satisfactorily.
- Courses with grades of F, WD(Withdrawal), WF(Withdrawal Failing), or IP(In Progress) are not considered satisfactory and are not counted as completed successfully; these courses ARE counted as attempts. If an unsatisfactory grade is changed to a satisfactory grade, SAP will be recomputed during the next SAP review or at the student's request.

Qualitative:

- Cumulative GPA of 1.50 for students earning less than 16 credits;
- Cumulative GPA of 1.75 for students earning 16 credits but less than 32 credits;
- Cumulative GPA of 2.0 for students who have earned 32 or more credits.

To determine a student's SAP, the number of credits earned is divided by number of credits attempted. If the completion rate falls below 67% and/or the cumulative GPA falls under the requirement above, the student will be placed on Financial Aid SAP warning. SAP warning allows the student an additional term of enrollment to make significant progress toward meeting the SAP requirements.

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At the end of the next semester the student's progress is reviewed again. If SAP requirements are met the warning status is removed for the next term of enrollment. If the student makes significant progress toward meeting SAP requirements, the student may be placed on continued warning and reviewed at the end of the following semester. If SAP requirements are not met and significant progress for continuation of warning is not met, the student is no longer eligible for financial aid at Chatfield. The student may appeal this decision in writing to the Director of Financial Aid including extenuating circumstances and a plan for academic improvement.

APPEAL

A student may appeal a decision of Financial Aid ineligibility by explaining in writing why he/she believes mitigating circumstances exist. Students are encouraged to append documentation to support their appeal. Mitigating circumstances usually include events beyond the control of the student. The student will be notified in writing of the decision. All decisions by the Director of Financial Aid are final. One term of financial aid eligibility, under probation status, will be allowed for approved appeals to SAP. The student must complete 100% of the attempted hours during that term and have at least a 1.50, 1.75 or 2.0 cumulative GPA (determined by number of credits the student has earned) to maintain continued eligibility.