

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy changes effective beginning 8-16-2011

Beginning Fall Semester 2011, the following changes occurred to the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy:

1. Students will be able to repeat courses in which a C-, D+, D, D-, F or a W was received **once** and receive additional financial aid for that course.
2. **Pace towards degree** – To be eligible for financial aid, you must complete at least 67 percent of your overall attempted credits, which includes any additional credits transferred to WSU. This is the minimum rate needed to complete a degree within the 150 percent maximum eligibility time frame (see 2.6.2.d in the SAP Handbook). If you drop below the cumulative 67 percent completion rate you will be placed on “warning” status and have one term to bring your completion rate above 67 percent before losing your eligibility for aid.

Term – Pace towards degree – If you fail to complete 50% of your attempted credit hours in your most recent term of enrollment you will be placed in a denial status and have to appeal for future financial aid.

3. **Maximum Time Frame** – Students not completing their degrees within the maximum time limit, as described below are not considered to be making satisfactory academic progress toward their degree. Double degrees or majors will not justify exceeding the maximum time frame limit. Additionally, a change of major or other outside factors are not considered justification for exceeding these limits.

Students will be allowed a maximum of 180 attempted credits in which to complete their first bachelor’s degree. Aid will be denied to students who have not completed their degree within the 180 attempted credits. This is monitored on a term by term basis.

4. **At the end of fall semester 2011, after grades have posted and the SAP process has been completed, students who only have the GP1 (Rule 38) deficiency will no longer have to submit the 3R form in order to receive financial aid.** This will be a warning notice only. The student must be reinstated to the university in order for their next term’s financial aid to release to their student account.
5. **Time limit in order to file an appeal.** Students must submit their appeal by the end of the 8th week of the academic year term or by the end of the second week of the summer term they are enrolled in order to have their appeal be considered. Appeals filed after that time frame will not be reviewed and the student will have to seek alternative sources in order to pay the current terms expenses.
6. **Terminology changes** – Current students who are not making satisfactory academic progress for the first time are considered to be on **probation**. Beginning fall semester they will be considered to be on **warning status**. (This applies to credit hours, term or cumulative GPA, or maximum time frame.)

Students who have not successfully completed at least 50% of their coursework or were in a probationary status for (credit hours, maximum time frame or term/cumulative GPA below a 2.0) and did not successfully complete the requirements to be off probation are **in a denial status**. They must appeal for future financial aid. If their appeal is successful and an **academic plan** (contract) is arranged they will be considered to be on **probation**. The **academic plan** could require that a student attend less than full-time in order to ensure that the student can make academic progress. As long as they meet the academic plan’s requirements they will continue to be eligible for financial aid.

For further information please see the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Handbook under the [Publications](#) link at financialaid.wsu.edu.