



What is Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)?

The U.S. Department of Education requires colleges to monitor grades and degree progression of federal aid recipients. A student is ineligible for federal, state, and institutional aid if not meeting the minimum SAP standards:

1. Successfully complete at least 66.67% of all attempted credit hours.
 - Attempted credits include DePaul courses (including elective and exploratory credits), transfer, and test credits. Grades of R, W, WA, IN, M, F, FX *are not* successfully completed hours. This is determined by calculating Attempted hours ÷ Completed hours = percentage completed.
2. Maintain the minimum cumulative GPA required to obtain degree.
 - Undergraduate students must maintain a minimum 2.000.
 - Graduate student GPA requirements vary by program. You must maintain the minimum GPA required by your program to obtain your degree.
 - Law students must maintain a minimum 2.000.
3. Complete degree within 150% of the published length of the academic program.
 - Undergraduate student maximum time frame is 288 credit hours.
 - Graduate and Professional Students maximum timeframe varies by program and is 150% of the number of credits required to complete the degree program.
 - For all students: This includes graded coursework, transfer and test credits, and credits for double majors, minors, degree changes, military credits, prior learning credit (PLA) and repeated courses.

How are pass/fail (PA) grades considered?

PA grades do not calculate into GPA. If you are not meeting the SAP requirement for GPA, you must take letter-graded courses to improve it.

Can I review my SAP status online?

You can view your status (meeting or not meeting SAP) and, if applicable, term GPA and completion rate requirements in [Campus Connect](#). Go to the Financial Aid task tile and click on View My FA Academic Progress.

How often is my SAP progress checked?

We review at the end of each quarter for undergraduate and graduate students, and the end of each semester for law students.

What does SAP warning mean?

If you fall below the SAP requirements, you are allowed a warning term to raise your GPA and/or completion rate to the minimum requirement. You are eligible for financial aid during your warning term. If you do not meet SAP at the end of your warning term, your financial aid will be suspended.

What can I do if I am placed on SAP suspension?

You have two choices.

1. You may appeal for reinstatement of your financial aid eligibility in [Campus Connect](#), OR
2. Enroll and pay for your tuition, fees, and housing (if applicable) without financial aid.

What is required for an appeal?

A SAP appeal consists of a written statement that includes the following items:

- The circumstance that kept you from meeting the SAP requirements in the past.
- What changes will allow you to successfully meet SAP. Be as specific as possible, including when you expect to complete your program and the number of hours remaining for your program.

You may also add documents that support your appeal letter using our [secure document upload website](#), but this is optional. Submitting a SAP appeal does not guarantee it will be approved. If your appeal is not approved, you will be ineligible for aid. Once you attain Satisfactory Academic Progress, you may be eligible for aid in future terms.

What are the SAP appeal deadlines?

We must receive your written statement for the term you are appealing by the date below. Your appeal will be cancelled if we do not receive it by the deadline. We cannot review an appeal for a prior term, but you may re-appeal for future terms.

Appeal deadlines for the term you want aid reinstated

Undergraduate & Graduate		Law	
Quarter	Appeal Deadline	Semester	Appeal Deadline
Autumn Quarter	October 15	Autumn Semester	October 15
Winter Quarter	February 15	n/a	n/a
Spring Quarter	May 15	Spring Semester	March 15
Summer Session 1	July 5	Summer Semester	July 5
Summer Session 2 & Regular 10 week	August 1	n/a	n/a

How long does it take the appeal committee to review an appeal?

Complete appeals typically take 14 days. If we need further information, we will contact you. We notify students of decisions via email, and you will find the conditions of your approved appeal on Campus Connect.

If my appeal is approved, will all my aid be reinstated?

Aid is reinstated based on eligibility and availability of funds in accordance with federal, state, and university policy.

What are my options if my appeal is not approved?

You can still enroll and pay out-of-pocket for tuition, fees, and housing (if applicable) without financial aid. You may want to consider [private student loans](#) and we recommend that you carefully research terms and conditions. If you reach the minimum SAP requirements, you may be eligible for aid in future terms.

Can I submit an appeal for a prior term or past due balance?

No. Appeals for past due balances or prior terms for which you were not meeting SAP will not be considered.