



<b>DePaul University</b> <b>Office of Financial Aid at DePaul Central</b> <b>Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) - FAQ</b>	
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### What is Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)?

The U.S. Department of Education requires colleges and universities to monitor grades and degree progression of all Title IV aid recipients. Federal, state, and institutional aid are placed on hold when a student fails to meet these minimum SAP standards:

- Successfully complete at least 66.67% of attempted credit hours.
  - Credits attempted include DePaul courses, transfer and test credits. Grades of R, W, WA, IN, M, F, FX *are not* successfully completed hours.  
The calculation is Attempted hours ÷ Completed hours = percentage completed.
- Maintain the minimum cumulative GPA required to obtain degree.
  - Undergraduate students must maintain a minimum 2.00.
  - Graduate student GPA requirements vary by program. Graduates must maintain the minimum GPA required to obtain the degree within their specific academic program.
  - Law students must maintain a minimum 2.00.
- 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 their specific academic 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 are not calculated into your GPA. If you are below the minimum required GPA and you are on SAP warning, probation, or special SAP plan, you must take letter graded courses to improve your GPA to meet the minimum SAP standard.

### Can I review my SAP status online?

You can view your status and 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?

SAP is reviewed 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 credit hour completion rate to the minimum requirements. You may receive your financial aid during your warning term, but if you are not meeting 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?

There are **two required documents**:

1. Written appeal in [Campus Connect](#) that explains circumstances that kept you from meeting SAP requirements and what has changed to ensure academic success moving forward. Click on Financial Aid tile and go to View My FA Academic Progress.
2. Written support from your academic advisor. The online Financial Aid SAP Advisor Form is located in the advisor's Advising Center in [Campus Connect](#). It should include the number of credit hours required to complete your degree, and your academic plan for success.

Approval of SAP appeals is not guaranteed. If your SAP appeal is not approved, you will be ineligible for aid; however, once you reach Satisfactory Academic Progress, you may be eligible for aid in future terms.

## What are the SAP appeal deadlines?

The online student appeal and advisor support must be received by the deadline dates below. If not received on time, they will be considered incomplete and cancelled. 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
Summer Session 1 2020-21	July 5, 2021	Summer Semester 2020-21	July 15, 2021
Summer Session 2 & Regular 10 week 2020-21	August 1, 2021	n/a	
Autumn Quarter 2021-22	October 15, 2021	Autumn Semester 2021-22	October 15, 2021
Winter Quarter 2021-22	February 15, 2022	n/a	
Spring Quarter 2021-22	May 15, 2022	Spring Semester 2020-21	March 15, 2022
Summer Session 1 2021-22	July 5, 2022	Summer Semester 2021-22	July 5, 2022
Summer Session 2 & Regular 10 week 2021-22	August 1, 2022	n/a	

## How long does it take for the SAP Committee to review an appeal?

Completed appeals are reviewed within 14 business days. Students are notified of decisions via email.

## 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 regulations.

## What are my options if my appeal is denied?

Enroll and pay out-of-pocket for your 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 minimum SAP standards, 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 on SAP will not be considered.