



<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 that a student who receives financial assistance make real and measurable progress in the academic program in which the student is enrolled. This is called Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP), and it affects all federal, state, and most forms of need-based institutional aid. To be eligible for financial aid, you must meet specific minimum thresholds:

- *Successfully complete* at least 66.67% of your attempted hours (“credit hour completion rate”), calculated by dividing your hours earned by your hours attempted. (Hours attempted include all DePaul attempted credit hours, accepted transfer hours, and any test credit.) Grades of R, W, WA, IN, M, F, FX are not successfully completed hours.
- Maintain your required minimum cumulative GPA:
  - Undergraduate Students: The minimum cumulative GPA requirement for undergraduate students is 2.000.
  - Graduate/Professional Students: The minimum cumulative GPA requirement for graduate students is 2.000 or higher if required by your academic program or graduate college.
- Complete your program in a timely manner (based upon the number of credit hours required in your undergraduate degree program or the maximum time limit allowed by your graduate program for completion of your graduate program requirements). *Review the online [SAP policy](#) for more information.*

### Can I review my SAP status online?

You can view your status and requirements in [Campus Connect](#), or through this path in Campus Connect: Main Menu > Self Service > Financial Aid > View My FA Academic Progress.

### How often is my 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 is Financial Aid ‘Warning?’

If you drop below the minimum SAP requirements, you are allowed a ‘warning term’ to raise your GPA and/or credit hour completion rate to the minimum requirements. You can receive your financial aid during your warning term, but if you are not meeting the required minimum GPA and/or credit hour completion rate at the end of your warning term, your financial aid will be suspended.

### What can I do if my financial aid is suspended?

- You may appeal for reinstatement of your financial aid eligibility in [Campus Connect](#), or through this path in Campus Connection: Financial Aid > View My FA Academic Progress.
- You may continue without the benefit of financial aid and appeal for reinstatement after you have demonstrated progress towards earning your degree by improving your GPA and/or credit hour completion rate so that you again meet the minimum requirements.

Submission of an appeal **does not guarantee** reinstatement of your eligibility.

### What is required for an appeal?

There are two pieces of information you must submit:

- An online written statement that discusses any circumstances that kept you from meeting SAP requirements in the past and what you have changed in order to foster academic success moving forward. Include specifics regarding your anticipated academic program completion date and the estimated number of hours remaining for your academic program completion.

- Written support from an academic advisor, called the online “Financial Aid SAP Advisor Form,” endorsing your academic plan moving forward.

Visit [Campus Connect](#) to submit your online written statement, then contact your advisor to complete the online “Financial Aid SAP Advisor Form”.

### Is there an appeal deadline?

Your online written statement and your signed advisor input form **must be submitted no later than the seventh week of the academic term** for which you are requesting reinstatement. Appeals submitted after the respective dates below will be considered for the following enrollment period. Incomplete appeals will not be reviewed.

Seeking aid reinstatement for:	The deadline for submitting a complete appeal is:
Summer Quarter 2017-18	07/03/2018
Autumn Quarter/Semester 2018-19	10/23/2018
Winter Quarter 2018-19	02/22/2019
Spring Quarter 2018-19	05/17/2019
Spring Semester (Law) 2018-19	03/01/2019
Summer Quarter 2018-19	07/05/2019

### How long does the appeal process take?

Once all required pieces of information are received, the SAP Appeals Committee will review your appeal within 14 business days, and notify you of their decision via email.

### If my appeal is granted, will all my aid be reinstated?

If your appeal is approved, then your financial aid will be reinstated for the appropriate terms in accordance with federal, state, and university regulations and processing requirements/deadlines, and the availability of funds.

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

You may continue without the benefit of financial aid, and appeal for reinstatement after you have demonstrated progress towards earning your degree by improving your GPA and/or credit hour completion rate so that you again meet the minimum requirements.

### I have completed the requirements for my undergraduate degree, but I wish to take additional coursework to earn a second major or an additional minor. What are the implications for my financial aid? Will I still be eligible?

Your financial aid options are limited if you choose to earn an additional major after you have completed the requirements for your first undergraduate degree. Once you complete the requirements for a first bachelor’s degree, you are no longer eligible for federal and state financial aid programs that are restricted to the first undergraduate degree. These include the Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), and the State of Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP Grant). If you are receiving funding under these programs, you will no longer be eligible once you complete your degree requirements, even if you have not yet applied for graduation.

However, other types of aid, such as institutional aid and federal and private student loans, remain available to you while you earn a second major, provided that you have remaining eligibility under these programs and that you continue to meet all program-specific eligibility requirements.