Student Financial Services
Satisfactory Academic Progress - SAP

In order to receive federal financial aid, students must make satisfactory academic progress toward a degree.   Auburn University Student Financial Services reviews academic records at the end of each term to determine SAP status which affects aid eligibility. Emails are sent to students who are not meeting requirements.

SAP Requirements

Qualitative - GPA: Students must meet the University's policies for continuation of enrollment. In addition, students must maintain a 2.00 AU cumulative GPA (unadjusted). Please note that GAP courses cannot be taken into account when determining SAP status. Transfer credit is not included in the GPA calculation. Incomplete grades are not included in the GPA calculation until the actual grade is assigned. Withdrawal grades are not counted in the GPA calculation except in the case of WF grades. Repeat course grades are counted in the GPA calculation.

Quantitative – Passing Percentage: Students must achieve a passing rate of at least 67% of all hours attempted. F and withdrawal grades, and incomplete grades count against the passing percentage. Transfer credit, if applicable, is included in the passing percentage calculation. Repeat courses sometimes count against the passing percentage and may affect your aid eligibility if repeated more than once.

Time frame – Maximum Attempted Hours: Undergraduate students cannot receive aid after they have attempted 192 semester hours of academic work. Students in Architecture are allowed 260 semester hours of academic work. Students in Pharmacy are allowed 222 semester hours of academic work. Students in Veterinary Medicine are allowed 236 semester hours of academic work. Graduate (Master's) students are allowed 54 semester hours of academic work. Graduate (PHD, EDD) students are allowed 156 hours of academic work (including Master's hours). Transfer credit is included in the time frame calculation. Part-time attendance counts in the time frame calculation. Hours are counted for all terms, even those for which the student did not receive financial aid as well as those waived under the Grade Adjustment Policy (GAP).

SAP Evaluation

SAP is evaluated at the end of the term for each student. The policy allows for one warning term. For students who do not meet the SAP standards, the evaluation process will be as follows:

Students who fall below the SAP standards will be placed on 'SAP Warning' status. Students on 'SAP Warning' status are eligible for aid.

Students on 'SAP Warning' status who fail to meet SAP standards again will be placed on 'Failing SAP' status. Students on 'Failing SAP' status are not eligible for aid. Students who are placed on academic suspension or expulsion by the University will automatically be placed in 'Failing SAP' status.

Appeal Guidelines

Students on 'Failing SAP' status may appeal if they have extenuating circumstances. Every effort will be made to give careful and timely consideration to each appeal. Decisions are rendered within 3-5 business days of receipt. Appeals, if granted, are for one term only. Appeal approvals, if applicable, will come with a condition that the student must meet certain academic criteria for the appeal term in order to be eligible to appeal for a future term.

Appeals should be in writing and addressed to: Financial Aid Appeals Officer, 203 Martin Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849, uploaded to https://iss.auburn.edu/public/finaid.php/ or faxed to 334-844-6085.

Appeal letters must include:

- Why the student failed to make SAP

- What has changed that will allow the student to make SAP at the next evaluation (after the following term)

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