

FINANCIAL AID SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

A student must demonstrate Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) to be eligible for financial aid awarded by this office. This is a federal requirement. The chart below outlines the standards that must be met. College of Liberal Studies and Advanced Programs students may have additional requirements and should contact (405) 325-2929 or email LSaid@ou.edu or APaid@ou.edu for more information.

Degree Program	Minimum GPA for FAS	Completion Requirements	Maximum Credit Hours
Undergraduate	2.0*	Must satisfactorily complete at least 70% of the overall number of credit hours attempted at the undergraduate level. Grades that count as satisfactorily completed coursework are: A, B, C, D, S, and P. Grades of I, W, F, U, N, NP, AW, and AU do not count as satisfactorily completed for financial aid.	180 credit hours attempted (including transfer credits from other schools)
Second Bachelor's	2.0*	Subject to the completion requirements outlined above.	Requires <u>2nd BA Form</u> signed by your Academic Adviser which determines maximum time frame for financial aid.
Teacher Certification	2.0*	Subject to the completion requirements outlined above.	180 credit hours including undergraduate work taken before teacher certification.

*Both OU (Institutional) GPA and Total Overall GPA must meet the minimum standard. Undergraduate students with no more than 30 hours attempted may be eligible with a 1.70 minimum GPA as long as the 70% completion rate is met. The GPA for satisfactory academic progress is based on all work attempted (both transfer and OU) minus those courses repeated in accordance with the institutional policy on repeated courses as well as remedial courses.

Pass, Suspension and Reinstatement

Pass	Making Satisfactory Academic Progress	Eligible for aid
Suspension	Did not complete minimum required GPA, minimum amount of hours earned during the academic year, and/or exceeds maximum total hours attempted.	Not eligible for aid
Reinstatement	Students in suspension status will earn reinstatement of eligibility by completing OU coursework at one's own expense and meeting all SAP standards.	Students who earn reinstatement are identified by FAS at the end of each semester.

Appeals, Probation and Academic Plan

Appeals	Students in suspension status may submit a Financial Aid Appeal with documentation showing extenuating circumstances and that they will be able to meet the SAP standards. An appeal approval will result in either a Probation or Academic Plan status. Students whose appeals are denied must meet the reinstatement criteria above.	Only one appeal per semester is allowed.
Probation	Students are placed on probation for one semester if a suspension due to failure to meet SAP standards is appealed and approved. Students on probation earn reinstatement if they meet all SAP standards after the probationary semester. Students who fail to meet all SAP standards after probation are placed in suspension status again.	Eligible for one semester
Academic Plan	<p>Students in suspension status due to GPA or completion rate and who complete at least 70% of attempted OU coursework on their own with a minimum <u>semester</u> GPA of 2.0 but who do not meet minimum institutional and/or overall GPA may appeal and cite their performance. FAS may approve the appeal and place the student in academic plan status.</p> <p>Students in suspension status due to exceeding maximum hours may be approved and placed in academic plan status upon successfully appealing.</p> <p>Students with extreme SAP deficiencies may also be placed in academic plan status by FAS if it appears they cannot meet all SAP standards after one probationary semester.</p>	<p>Students in academic plan status are eligible on a semester by semester basis as determined by financial aid. Students may be required to sign an Academic Plan agreement and/or submit an Academic Progress Review form as determined on a case by case basis by FAS.</p> <p>Students are removed from academic plan status when all SAP standards are being met and are considered to have met the terms for reinstatement.</p>

Use the [OU GPA Calculator](http://www.ou.edu/production/cgi-bin/gpaou.pl) to calculate the credits you need to improve your current GPA at <http://www.ou.edu/production/cgi-bin/gpaou.pl>.

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