

IOWA

Financial Aid Mini-Conference

SAP 101

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What is Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

- SAP is the successful completion of coursework towards an eligible certificate or degree
- Federal regulations required the Office of Student Financial Aid to monitor the academic progress of students receiving financial aid
- Students entire academic record is looked at for SAP, even for semesters when financial aid wasn't received

Undergraduate SAP Standards

- Minimum GPA
 - 2.0 UI GPA
 - Transfer GPA not considered
- Minimum pace
 - Completed hours divided by attempted hours
 - Must be greater than or equal to 67%
 - Includes entire transfer and UI hours

Undergraduate SAP Standards

- Duration of eligibility
 - Equal to 150% of the semester hours of the intended degree program
 - 180 attempted hours for most programs
 - 192 attempted hours for engineering and nursing

Graduate SAP Standards

- GPA determined by college policies for academic probation
 - 2.0 for all programs except MBA (2.75)
- 67% pace
- Duration of eligibility
 - Varies by degree type
 - Ex: MA is 75 attempted hours

SAP Review Process

- All students are reviewed in May for GPA, pace and duration of eligibility
- All students are reviewed in January and August for duration of eligibility
- Students on SAP probation are reviewed each semester

SAP Ineligibility

- Not eligible – GPA
- Not eligible – Pace
- Not eligible – Pace and GPA
- Not eligible – Duration of eligibility

SAP Review Numbers

- Spring 2022 review
 - 800 students eligible to not eligible
 - 380 of these students had appeals approved for future aid
 - 51 students not eligible to eligible
 - Probation students
 - 46 probation to eligible
 - 81 probation to not eligible
 - 56 extended probation

SAP Appeal Process

- Students are notified by UI email if they are SAP ineligible and their future financial aid is cancelled
- Students can regain eligibility by completing a SAP appeal
 - Found in MyUI
- Generally, up to 3 appeals are accepted

SAP Appeal Deadlines

- Appeals are due by the first Friday of classes for fall and spring
- Due by June 15th for summer
- Deadline helps students plan accordingly if appeal is not approved

SAP Appeal Form

- Section 1: Basic contact information
- Section 2: Explanation of past performance
- Section 3: Steps for future success
- Section 4: Plan of study
- Section 5: Advisor certification

SAP Appeal Review

- Financial aid advisors review 1st, 2nd, and 3rd appeals
- Advisors are looking for whether the reason for the appeal has changed and if the appeal is complete
- Advisors will outreach to students with relevant resources based on the reasons for appeal
- Appeals beyond the third appeal are reviewed by senior SAP advisor and associate director
- Scholarship appeals are a separate process from SAP appeals

SAP Probation

- Once appeal is accepted, student is placed on SAP probation
 - Needs to achieve certain GPA and pace each semester to extend probation
- Student is notified by UI email when appeal is accepted and the probation requirements
- Probation requirements can also be viewed in MyUI

SAP Appeal Denied

- An appeal may be denied because
 - 3 appeals have already been accepted
 - The reason for the appeal has not changed
- Student can re-appeal after:
 - Sitting out from UI for one semester and submitting a new appeal OR
 - Taking classes without federal aid for one semester and earning a 2.0 semester GPA and passing 67% of the classes attempted
- Students can also regain eligibility by bringing up pace or GPA without federal aid

Eligibility when Degree Requirements are Met

- At the end of each semester, Registrar provides a list of students who have met degree requirements and have not graduated
- If a student has completed all major and gen ed requirements, they would lose federal financial aid eligibility (minor and certificate courses are not eligible)
- If a student is still working on a second major they would lose Pell grant and SEOG eligibility, but can still have loans and work-study

How do students know about SAP policy?

- Email sent to students at the start of each semester explaining policies to maintain aid
- Close contact with academic advising offices to ensure they are up to date on policies
- Financial aid website

Resources

- SAP Standards
 - <https://financialaid.uiowa.edu/eligibility/sap>
- Eligibility after degree requirements are met
 - <https://financialaid.uiowa.edu/eligibility/sap/firstbachelors>

Questions?



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