

Financial Aid Mini-Conference

SAP 101

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### What is Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

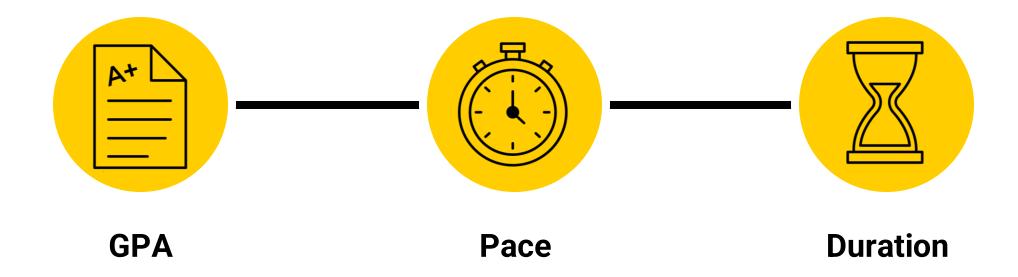
 SAP is the successful completion of coursework towards an eligible certificate of degree

 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



## **SAP Standards**



## **Undergraduate SAP Standards**

- Minimum GPA
  - -2.0 UI GPA
  - Transfer GPA not considered unless the student's transfer GPA is below a 2.0

- 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 undergraduate programs
  - 192 attempted hours for undergraduate 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 2025 review
  - 530 students eligible to not eligible
    - About 350-400 of these students will have appeals approved for future aid
  - 45 students not eligible to eligible
  - Probation students
    - 44 probation to eligible
    - 46 probation to not eligible
    - 56 extended probation



### **SAP Appeal Process**

 Students are notified by UI email is 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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



#### SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP)

All students must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress Z standards in order to qualify for financial aid.

▲ You are required to file a SAP appeal for financial aid consideration because your current SAP status is: **Not Eligible - GPA**. This means that your UI cumulative GPA has fallen below the allowable limit for financial aid and you must appeal for future financial aid consideration, more information is available here ...

Please review your program(s) of study below. If this information is incorrect, contact your college to update your program(s) of study before beginning your SAP appeal.

#### Program(s) of Study

· Electrical Engineering (Computer) BSE

#### PLAN OF STUDY REQUIREMENT

You must attach a plan of study with your appeal. Complete, save, and then attach it to your appeal. Please make an appointment with your academic advisor(s) as soon as possible to review your plan of study. Your SAP appeal will not be received by the Office of Student Financial Aid until your academic advisor(s) has reviewed your plan of study with you.

Download the fillable PDF plan of study

The Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) has reporting obligations when students disclose information about sexual misconduct, stalking or dating/domestic violence. OSFA shares information with the Office of the Sexual Misconduct Response Coordinator (OSMRC) . OSMRC works to ensure that individuals who have had these types of experiences, have access to information about confidential support resource, options for resolution, and the potential for accommodations that might be needed. You are welcome to contact OSMRC directly at 319-335-6200.

The Office of Student Financial Aid will review your appeal within 15 business days of receipt. You will receive an email from finaid-sap@uiowa.edu after your appeal is reviewed. If your appeal is not submitted to your academic advisor(s) within 60 days of beginning the appeal process, your appeal will be automatically deleted and you will need to begin a new appeal.

Start Appeal



## **SAP Appeal Review**

- Financial aid advisors review 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> appeals
  - 4<sup>th</sup> appeals and duration appeals are escalated
- 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
- 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

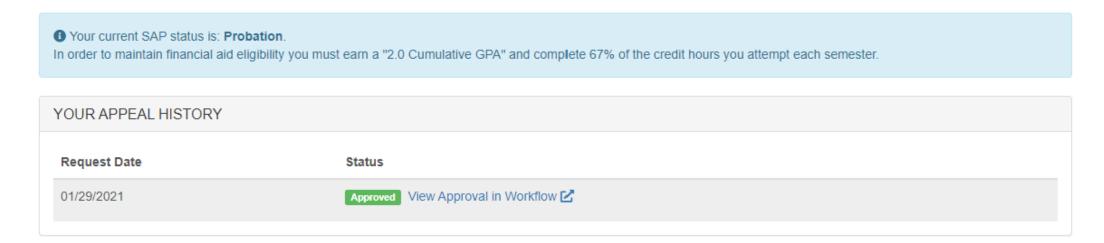
 Student is notified by UI email when appeal is accepted and the probation requirements

Probation requirements can also be viewed in MyUI



### **SAP Probation**

### SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP)





## **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



### **Duration Students**

- Students who have exceeded their Duration may only receive federal financial aid for classes that directly contribute to their degree
- No electives, minor, or certificate courses will be aid-eligible unless a student's major classes make up at least 12 semester hours of enrollment
- Review their plan of study after each semester to confirm degree progress



### 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
- Students with dual majors should complete both majors during the same semester to maximize their aid eligibility
- This is different from conferring a degree



## 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
  - <a href="https://financialaid.uiowa.edu/eligibility/sap">https://financialaid.uiowa.edu/eligibility/sap</a>

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





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