

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



GPA



Pace



Duration

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 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

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP)

All students must meet [Satisfactory Academic Progress](#) 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](#)

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SAP Appeal Review

- Financial aid advisors review 1st, 2nd, and 3rd appeals
 - 4th 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)

i Your current SAP status is: **Probation**.
In order to maintain financial aid eligibility you must earn a "2.0 Cumulative GPA" and complete 67% of the credit hours you attempt each semester.

YOUR APPEAL HISTORY

Request Date	Status
01/29/2021	Approved View Approval in Workflow

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

Questions?



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