

Satisfactory Academic Progress 101

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What is Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)?

- ➔ SAP is the successful completion of coursework toward an eligible certificate or degree
- ➔ Federal regulations require the Office of Student Financial Aid to monitor the academic progress of students receiving financial aid

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SAP Standards

- ➔ Apply to undergraduate and graduate students who wish to establish or maintain financial aid eligibility
- ➔ Apply to a student's entire academic record, whether or not financial aid was received for prior terms of enrollment

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SAP Standards

- ➔ GPA
- ➔ Pace requirement
- ➔ Total hours earned and/or semesters enrolled

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Undergraduate SAP Standards

- ➔ Minimum GPA
 - 2.0 UI GPA
 - Transfer GPA is not considered
- ➔ Minimum Pace
 - Completed hours + Attempted hours
 - Must be greater than or equal to 67%
 - Includes entire academic record, not just UI hours

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Undergraduate SAP Standards

- ➔ Duration of Eligibility
 - Equal to 150% of the semester hours of the intended degree program

CLAS	180 hours
College of Business	180 hours
College of Engineering	192 hours

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Graduate SAP Standards

- ➔ GPA determined by college
- ➔ 67% Pace
- ➔ Duration of Eligibility
 - Hours vary by program
 - Ex: MA = 50 hours, MBA = 67 hours
 - Master's limited to 8 semesters
 - Doctoral limited to 16 semesters

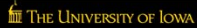
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SAP Review Process

- ➔ 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

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SAP Ineligibility

- ➔ Not Eligible – GPA
- ➔ Not Eligible – Pace
- ➔ Not Eligible – GPA and Pace
- ➔ Not Eligible – Duration of Eligibility

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SAP Appeal Process

- Students are notified by UI email if they have become ineligible for financial aid and for what reason
- Students can be approved for financial aid by completing a SAP appeal form
- Generally, up to 3 appeals will be accepted
- Can take up to 15 business days to review

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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
- If student appeals after the deadline, appeal will be considered for the following semester

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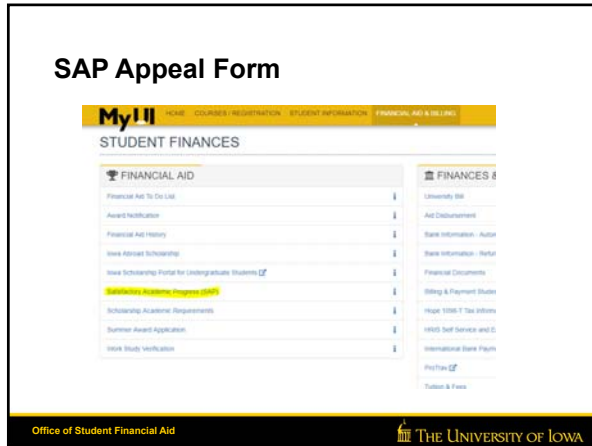
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- Section 1: Basic student contact information
- Section 2: Explanation of past performance
- Section 3: Specific steps for future success
- Section 4: Plan of study
- Section 5: Advisor Certification

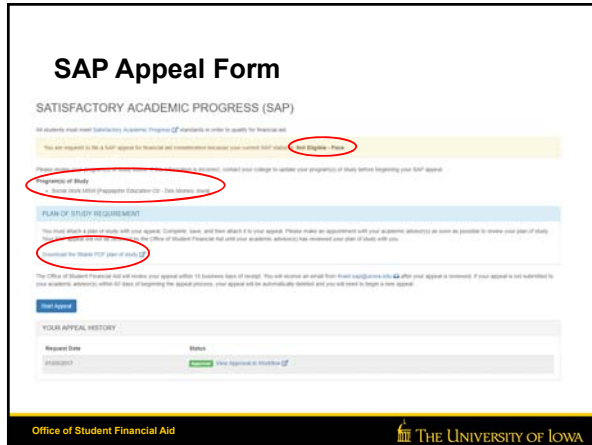
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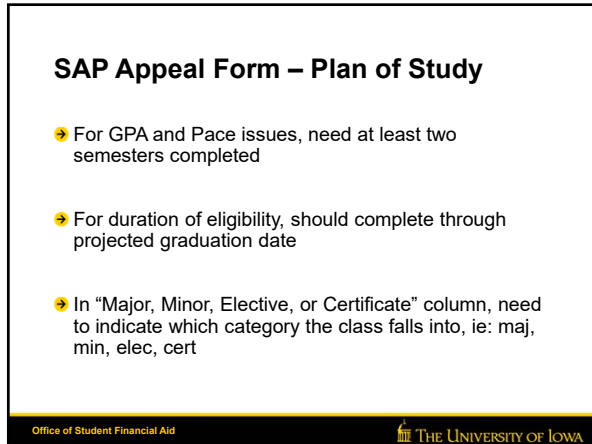


SAP Appeal Form



SAP Appeal Form – Plan of Study

- ➔ For GPA and Pace issues, need at least two semesters completed
- ➔ For duration of eligibility, should complete through projected graduation date
- ➔ In “Major, Minor, Elective, or Certificate” column, need to indicate which category the class falls into, ie: maj, min, elec, cert



SAP Appeal Form – Plan of Study

Student Name: _____

UI ID #: _____

Plan of Study

Term		Year	Grade	Hours	Grade	Hours	Grade	Hours
Spring	Fall	1						
Spring	Fall	2						
Spring	Fall	3						
Spring	Fall	4						
Spring	Fall	5						
Spring	Fall	6						

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SAP Probation

- ➔ After an appeal is accepted, the student is placed on SAP probation
 - For GPA and pace, probation is for one semester
 - For duration of eligibility, probation is through projected graduation date as long as at least 6 hours will be taken for degree each semester
- ➔ Student is notified by UI email when appeal is accepted and the probationary requirements

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SAP Probation Requirements

If SAP Eligibility Was...	Probation Requirements Will Be...
Not Eligible – GPA Not Eligible – GPA and Pace	2.0 UI GPA for that semester and complete at least 67% of attempted hours for that semester
Not Eligible – Pace	Maintain UI GPA and complete at least 67% of attempted hours for that semester
Not Eligible – Duration of Eligibility	Maintain UI GPA and complete at least 67% of attempted hours each semester Take at least 6 hours required for degree each semester

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SAP Appeal Denied

- ➔ An appeal can be denied because:
 - 3 appeals have already been accepted
 - Reason for appeal has not changed

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SAP Appeal Denied

- ➔ Student can regain eligibility by:
 - Meeting SAP requirements without the use of federal financial aid
 - Sitting out from UI for 2 semesters and submitting a new appeal

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Eligibility When Degree Requirements Have Been Met

- ➔ At the end of each semester, Registrar provides list of students who have met degree requirements whether or not the students have applied to graduate
- ➔ If a student has met requirements for first bachelor's degree, they may lose financial aid eligibility
- ➔ Previously these students needed to file a SAP appeal, this is no longer the policy

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Eligibility When Degree Requirements Have Been Met

- ➔ Single declared major
 - Students will no longer qualify for federal, state, or institutional financial aid.
- ➔ Double major or dual degree
 - Students will no longer qualify for federal Pell Grant or SEOG.
 - Must take at least 6 hours of courses required for the second major or degree to qualify for federal loans or work study.
 - Continue to qualify for institutional and state financial aid.

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Eligibility When Degree Requirements Have Been Met

- ➔ Minors and certificates (other than Teacher Certification)
 - Students will no longer qualify for federal, state, or institutional financial aid.
- ➔ Required prerequisites for admission to another degree program
 - Students enrolled in required prerequisites for admission to another degree program *may* qualify for federal loans *only*.
 - Non-Degree Status form must be completed.

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Resources

- ➔ Undergraduate SAP Standards
 - <https://financialaid.uiowa.edu/eligibility/sap/undergraduate>
- ➔ Eligibility After First Bachelor's Degree Requirements Have Been Met
 - <https://financialaid.uiowa.edu/eligibility/sap/firstbachelors>
- ➔ Email: finaid-sap@uiowa.edu

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