

Financial Aid Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

Effective beginning Fall 2017 Trimester.

The Higher Education Act (HEA) requires that a student maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP) in the student's program of study to be eligible to receive Title IV funds. Logan students who wish to be considered for financial aid must maintain SAP as set forth in this policy. All trimesters of enrollment, including those in which a student does not receive financial aid, are included in SAP calculations. Please note that Financial Aid SAP is a different policy from Academic SAP and is reviewed separately.

Federal regulation mandates that a student's SAP be measured at least annually. A student can lose their eligibility for aid if they are not doing well in classes, if they frequently withdraw from classes, and/or if it is taking them a very long time to finish their degree. It is Logan's policy to review a student's academic performance at the end of each trimester if they are receiving financial aid.

Based upon federal regulation, SAP is measured in two ways, qualitative and quantitative (pace). Qualitative is a measure of a student's grade point average (GPA). Quantitative, or pace, measures a student's progress through the program to make certain the student is on track to complete the degree program within the maximum time allowed to receive financial aid. These measures apply to students matriculating in all Logan University degree and/or preparatory programs.

All students are classified as meeting SAP requirements when they first enroll at Logan. Students who meet the below criteria for GPA, PACE and length of program will continue to meet SAP requirements and will continue to be eligible for financial aid.

Qualitative: Grade Point Average (GPA)

Undergraduate and Doctor of Chiropractic students must achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better at the end of each trimester of enrollment. Master of Science and Doctor of Health Professions Education (DHPE) students must achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better at the end of each trimester of enrollment.

Quantitative: Maximum Time Frame or PACE

A maximum length of time to receive financial aid for an academic program is 150 percent of the published length of the educational program. A student must complete (receive a passing grade) a minimum of 66.66 percent of attempted credits each term to maintain PACE.

The following will be considered in a student's PACE calculation:

- Any grade counted as attempted hours on the transcript.
- Hours attempted include withdrawn courses, incomplete courses, and repeated courses.
- If a course is dropped within the designated add/drop period, it is not counted toward attempted hours.
- Hours attempted include transfer credit courses.
- Periods of enrollment for which the student does not receive financial aid are counted toward the maximum number of enrollment periods.

Quantitative: Doctor of Chiropractic First Trimester of Enrollment Only

A student must complete (receive a passing grade) a minimum of 50 percent of attempted credits in their first attempt of Tri 1 coursework. This is not applicable for transfer students who are designated beyond trimester 1 coursework.

Length of Program

The maximum number of enrollment periods to receive financial aid as a Doctor of Chiropractic Degree student is 15.

The maximum number of credit hours to receive financial aid as a Doctorate of Health Professions Education Degree student is 90 attempted credit hours. DHPE students must finish coursework within seven calendar years from the date of initial enrollment.

The maximum number of credit hours to receive financial aid as a Master of Science Degree student is 59 attempted credit hours. Master of Science students must finish coursework within five calendar years from the date of initial enrollment.

The maximum number of credit hours to receive financial aid as a Bachelor of Science Degree student is 183 attempted credit hours.

Students with a bachelor's degree that need to enroll in prerequisite or preparatory coursework for admission into the Master of Science or Doctor of Chiropractic degree programs may have financial aid eligibility for one consecutive 12-month period (three trimesters) beginning on the first day of the enrollment period.

Financial Aid Warning

A student placed in financial aid warning status has failed to meet the minimum requirements of satisfactory academic progress and must meet the minimum standards by the end of the warning trimester of enrollment in order to continue to be eligible for federal financial aid. A student enrolled at a minimum half time status during the warning trimester may continue to receive financial aid for that trimester.

When a student is placed in a warning status they will receive a letter of notification from the Associate Director of Financial Aid. The student will be encouraged to meet with the Academic Success Coach during the warning trimester to assess academic progress and receive assistance in developing effective learning strategies.

Financial Aid Suspension

A student's financial aid is suspended if he/she has not met the standards of academic progress within one trimester immediately following a term of financial aid warning status or is unsuccessful in their financial aid probation appeal attempt.

Types of Aid Affected

Students in Financial Aid Suspension may not receive financial aid from most financial aid programs. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Federal Aid (Pell Grant, SEOG, Federal Work-Study, Direct Loan, Perkins Loan, Parent PLUS Loan, Grad PLUS Loan)

- Any Logan scholarship or grant with a GPA or SAP requirement, if the student fails to meet the requirement
- State aid (Access Missouri Award, Bright Flight and other state aid programs)
- Any outside resource with a GPA or SAP requirement if the student fails to meet the requirement

Financial Aid Probation

A student whose financial aid has been suspended may appeal to be placed in a financial aid probation status. Approval of the probation status allows the student to continue to receive financial aid for one trimester or as outlined in the financial aid academic plan.

Appeals are considered by Logan within guidelines set by the U.S. Department of Education (DOE). DOE guidelines stipulate the student must explain the special circumstance that caused him/her to fail to meet the minimum standards of academic progress; the student must also explain what has changed that would enable him/her to regain good academic standing. [See instructions for appealing a financial aid suspension below]

Appeals should be submitted to the Associate Director of Financial Aid. The appeal will be reviewed by a committee. Once the committee has made a decision, the student will be notified by email and letter. Committee decisions regarding the appeal are final.

Academic Plan

Students on financial aid probation may be required to follow a financial aid academic plan approved by Logan. Students will continue on financial aid probation as long as they meet the standards of academic progress outlined in this academic plan. Students who do not meet the standards of academic progress in the academic plan will be placed on financial aid suspension and will lose financial aid eligibility until they regain satisfactory academic progress.

An academic plan received for financial aid probation purposes is separate and may be different than an academic plan received from the College of Health Sciences or the College of Chiropractic.

Appealing a Financial Aid Suspension

A student whose financial aid was suspended and feels there were mitigating circumstances beyond their control that resulted in failure to achieve the SAP requirements may appeal.

Mitigating circumstances as defined by the U.S. Department of Education (34.668.34):

- Death of a relative
- Serious illness or injury to the student or
- Other special circumstance

Supporting documentation of the above must be included with the letter of appeal.

In addition to the above, the appeal must include:

- An explanation as to why the student failed to maintain SAP

- An explanation regarding what has changed in the student's situation that will allow the student to demonstrate SAP at either the end of the warning trimester or during, or, at the end of a specified academic plan
- A statement regarding their plan to achieve SAP

Additional appeals will be regarded differently than the first appeal. The approval of a first appeal outlines the plan by which a student may regain SAP during the term(s) for which the aid is requested. If the student fails to meet the terms of that plan, careful consideration will be given to subsequent appeals to determine if circumstances have indeed changed to allow the student to be successful now.

Students should be prepared to seek other options if the appeal is not approved or if they do not wish to appeal their financial aid suspension. It is important to point out that unless a student is academically dismissed, a student denied financial aid generally may continue attending by funding their educational costs themselves.

Changing Degree Programs

When a student changes level of degree, the credit and grades which do not count toward the new degree will not be included in the satisfactory academic progress determination for the new program. Should a student change their program of study and remain at the same level of degree, the current SAP status will remain in effect.