

Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy

(effective as of fall 2006)

The Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, requires students to maintain satisfactory progress toward their degree in order to receive financial aid. At the University of Evansville, these standards are established for students who are receiving or applying for financial aid from federal, state, or institutional sources in the form of grants, scholarships, work, or loan programs.

The Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards for financial aid applies to all students who want to establish or continue aid eligibility. These standards apply to a student's entire degree program including terms in which financial aid was not applied for or disbursed.

Quantitative standards for undergraduate full-time students:

Students must earn two-thirds, or 67 percent, of all attempted credit hours with a passing grade. Every May, a student's total hours successfully completed will be divided by the hours attempted to determine whether the 67 percent requirement has been met.

Completed credits include grades of A, B, C, or D (including plus or minus) and credits taken pass/fail, in which a P was earned. Grades of F, W, I, and classes taken for audit do not result in completed credits. Credits earned by examination will be considered completed credits. Transfer credits that count toward the UE degree will be considered completed credits.

Attempted credits include hours earned in classes with letter grades, transfer credits that count toward the UE degree, and credits earned by examination. Grades of I or W will count as hours attempted, but not completed. If Is are later completed, they will be reflected when progress is again checked, or sooner, if the student requests it. Repeated courses where a passing grade was previously earned will count as attempted credits each time the course is taken.

Qualitative standards for undergraduate full-time students:

The minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) requirement is 1.60 or higher at the end of two semesters, and 2.00 or higher after four semesters and for all subsequent semesters.

Maximum Timeframe for Eligibility

Full-time students in four-year degree programs receive state and UE financial aid for a maximum of eight semesters or until the first bachelor's degree is earned, whichever comes first. Federal Pell Grant and Federal Stafford and PLUS Loans may be used for additional semesters beyond eight, but not to exceed 150 percent of the time frame needed under normal circumstances to complete the degree. Students in the five-year HSA program or the 12-semester DPT program will continue to receive UE assistance for the duration of their program, as long as all other eligibility requirements are maintained.

Full-time students working toward an associate degree must complete all course requirements within a maximum of three years.

Quantitative and qualitative standards for part-time students:

Part-time students also must make progress toward their degree. The expectation for students enrolling for less than 12 hours a semester requires that 67 percent of credit hours attempted must be earned. At the point that 24 hours have been earned, a 1.60 cumulative GPA is required. Once a student has earned 48 hours, a 2.00 cumulative GPA is required.

Quantitative and qualitative standards for graduate students:

Graduate students must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0. Graduate students must complete at least 67 percent of all credit hours attempted each academic year. They may attempt up to 150 percent of the hours required for their graduate degree.

Aid denial due to lack of satisfactory academic progress:

Students who fail to meet the above standards will be ineligible for financial aid. The summer can be used at the student's expense to correct the previous two semester's deficiencies. It is important to remember that grade deficiencies can only be corrected at UE, but credits to correct a deficiency in hours can be taken elsewhere and transferred to UE through arrangement with the Office of Academic Advisement.

Official Notification

A letter is sent each May notifying students that they are ineligible for further financial aid until deficiencies are rectified. Students are responsible for maintaining satisfactory academic progress for aid renewal whether or not they receive the official notification letter. UE cannot be responsible for address changes that are not reported to us or for other problems with mail delivery.

Appeals to Regain Eligibility

Students who fail to meet these standards and who have lost eligibility for financial aid may appeal. Appeals that are based upon serious illness or accident on the part of the student; death, accident, or serious illness in the student's immediate family; or other serious, extenuating circumstances are reasonable. Appeals should be submitted to the Office of Financial Aid in writing and must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documents. The reasonableness of the student's ability for improvement to meet the appropriate standards for the degree will be taken into consideration. The student is limited to two appeals. Appeals will be approved or denied in writing. If approved, one semester of aid will be granted, with academic expectations attached. Aid will be continued if the student meets those stated expectations.