Financial Aid
Satisfactory Academic Progress

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What is Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)?

- SAP measures progress towards earning a degree or certificate.
- SAP status determines whether a student continues to receive financial aid.
Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

Measured using two components:

1. Qualitative factor, i.e., GPA

2. Quantitative factor, i.e. completion rate (passed credits/attempted credits > 67%)

- Attempted credits includes all excused withdrawals and academic amnesty.
- Maximum timeframe of 150%, i.e., for a 2 year program, the maximum time covered by aid is 3 years.
Why? New and stricter satisfactory academic progress federal requirements will be effective beginning Fall, 2011!

- All financial aid students not meeting the minimum College’s academic progress standards will have just one ‘warning period’ to re-establish good academic standing.
- One repeat allowed for passing grades, i.e. total of two attempts.
- More than one repeat allowed for failing grades.
### Qualitative Factor

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Points: A = 4.0, B=3.0, C=2.0, D=1.0, F=0, W= Not counted in GPA
A student attempted classes (12 credits) prior to current semester. The student had straight ‘F’ grades for the 12 credits. The student enrolls for Math 101 and earned an A for the current semester. What is the student’s GPA?

Answer: The student’s GPA is 0.8 since GPA is a cumulative number.

Computation:
- 4 classes x 3 credits each x 0 points earned for F = 0
- 1 class x 3 credits each x 4 points earned for A = 12
- 12 total points earned divided by 15 total credits attempted = 0.8 GPA
- 0.8 GPA is below the requirement 12 – 17 credits attempted (see previous slide)
Quantitative Factor

Every credit attempted (no matter how long ago) is counted:
- include excused withdrawals
- include time and academic amnesty

Attempted
- A class is counted as attempted if dropped after 20% period in a term, i.e., drop after census date. Census date is always the 20% point in the term.
What is Financial Aid Warning?

Under new federal rules, effective July 1, 2011, financial aid warning (FAWARN) is a status assigned to a student who fails to make satisfactory academic progress but is allowed to continue receiving aid without an appeal.
A student who fails to return to good academic standing after the Financial Aid Warning Period will lose all aid eligibility.

The student can continue attending college but must make personal arrangements to pay for the classes.

The student can submit an appeal for consideration to have his or her financial aid reinstated.
What is Financial Aid Probation?

- Financial aid probation is a status assigned to a student who fails to make satisfactory academic progress and who has appealed.
- Student is aid eligible while under Financial Aid Probation.
Submitting a Financial Aid Appeal

- Financial aid appeals must be submitted at least one semester ahead.
- Appeals must be approved by the Financial Aid Appeals Committee.
- Appeals can only be approved based on documented extenuating conditions, e.g. serious illness, death in the family.
- All decisions are final.
Example #2 (new policy)

- First time freshman earned F grades in all 4 courses she attempted in fall 2011. For spring 2012, she is in her ‘warning period’. During her warning period (spring 2012) she earned A grades in the same 4 courses. Her cumulative GPA of 4.0 (higher grades count in repeat) is fine but her cumulative completion rate is below 67%. She has failed to return to good standing after her ‘warning period’, so she loses all her aid eligibility for summer and all other future terms.

- Option: She can submit an appeal explaining why she failed or stopped attending the fall 2011 semester. Appeal will be considered based on documented extenuating situation (serious illness, death in the family etc) and what has changed to position her for success.
Incomplete Coursework/Grade Reporting

Late grade reporting will affect a student’s financial aid:

- NR and I grades treated similar to F for SAP calculation
- Student’s aid for next semester may be withdrawn
- Bookstore credits may be withdrawn
- Student will very likely be dropped for non-payment
- No automatic SAP re-computation after deadline
Incomplete Coursework/Grade Reporting Cont’d

Earned ‘F’ grade versus unofficial withdrawal

- If last attend date is entered with an ‘F’ grade, financial aid will consider that as an unofficial withdrawal.
- Students with straight ‘F’ grades are considered unofficially withdrawn as of the last attend date.
- R2T4 calculation (proration of aid) is required
- Student will have to return the unearned portion of aid.
- Student is considered to have earned 100% of his or her aid after the 60% point in the semester.
Resources:

SAP Policy
http://www.ccp.edu/site/academic/catalog/college_policies.php

Financial Aid Reinstatement(Appeal) form
http://www.ccp.edu/site/prospective/financial_aid/forms/

GPA Calculator
Search ‘GPA calculator’ in Google
Questions/Discussion

Thank You for Attending