

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS POLICY

Financial aid recipients are expected to make satisfactory academic progress towards their degree or educational objective. Financial aid standards for satisfactory academic progress are not the same as academic departments and/or university standards. Permission to enroll does not equal financial aid satisfactory academic progress requirements. The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships has established guidelines for evaluating your progress taking into consideration three different components:

1. **Maximum Time Frame**

Students must complete their educational program within 150% of the published length of the educational program. All terms that the student has attended will count towards their educational program, **whether or not the student received financial aid during that time**. Once the student reaches maximum time frame, the student's eligibility for financial aid is terminated.

2. **Grade Point Average (GPA)**

Students' GPA is monitored by University Academic Regulations for graduation. General guidelines require students to maintain a 2.0 GPA to be considered in good standing for University standards, however, financial aid standards of satisfactory academic progress are not the same as academic departments or university standards. Permission to enroll does not equal satisfactory academic progress.

3. **Credit Hours Completed**

Students are expected to complete the number of credit hours each term for which they were paid financial aid funds. Most aid programs require full-time enrollment: 12 credit hours per term for undergraduates/36 credits for the academic year; and 9 credit hours per term for graduate students/27 credits for the year. Part-time students are evaluated on the basis of their part-time enrollment and are expected to complete credit hours accordingly.

Letter grades of F, U, N, and I do not apply toward satisfactory academic progress completion. Withdrawal and repeated courses do not count toward earned hours for any term.

Academic progress is monitored throughout the year. Students failing to meet the minimum credit hour requirements in a term will be sent a warning letter informing them of their status. At the end of the year, students who fail to meet the minimum yearly credit hour requirements will be sent a letter terminating future aid eligibility at Oregon State.

Students who feel their OSU records do not accurately reflect their academic progress due to extenuating or unusual circumstances may appeal in writing. Phone appeals will not be accepted. On the basis of their petition statement, supporting documents, and past academic progress history, a financial aid advisor will determine if an exception will be made to allow aid to continue. Appeals must be approved within the term of enrollment the student is requesting aid. Denial of aid by a financial aid advisor may be appealed first to the financial aid director, the financial aid committee and then to the vice provost of student affairs.