

# FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIP SERVICES

## Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress

Federal regulations require that financial aid recipients meet certain academic standards to be eligible for federal aid. The NMSU Office of Financial Aid will review the Satisfactory Academic Progress of financial aid recipients at the end of each payment term/semester to ensure continued eligibility. When evaluating SAP, all enrollment periods are considered regardless of whether the student received financial aid during those terms. For transfer students, credits accepted for their NMSU-degree program are counted toward Maximum Timeframe, but the transfer GPA is not calculated in the cumulative GPA for the Completion Rate. The Financial Aid SAP standards are not the same as the NMSU System's Academic Standards of Progress criteria. Students may learn more by visiting [fa.nmsu.edu/sap](http://fa.nmsu.edu/sap).

## Elements of Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress

- Federal regulations require all students receiving financial aid to meet minimum qualitative and quantitative standards in order to maintain their eligibility for aid. Below are the minimum standards for SAP. The qualitative component of SAP measures a student's academic achievement by their cumulative GPA. The quantitative component is comprised of two parts: Completion Rate and Maximum Timeframe. Below are the descriptions of each SAP standard:

### Grade Point Average (GPA)

- Undergraduate students must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA or greater on all hours attempted at NMSU. This is equivalent to an average letter grade of "C" or better.
- Graduate students must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA or greater. This is equivalent to an average letter grade of "B" or better.
- **Completion Rate: Pace of Progression**
  - All students, both undergraduate and graduate are required to pass and complete 70% of all classes attempted.
  - Grades of F, W, U, I or RR will be considered hours attempted but not completed.
- **Maximum Time Frame: Pace of Progression**
  - Students must attain their degree within 150% of the published credits required for a degree program.
  - Transfer-credit hours counted towards the student's degree program will be included in the maximum timeframe.
  - Limited developmental coursework will not count in the maximum timeframe.

## Financial Aid Warning

"Warning" is a status assigned to a student who fails to meet satisfactory academic progress at the end of the payment term/semester. A student on Financial Aid warning may continue to receive financial aid for one payment term while in this status. If the student has not returned to satisfactory standing after this additional semester, they will be

suspended from further financial assistance until the satisfactory progress standards are met.

## Financial Aid Suspension

Students who do not meet the SAP standards will be placed on Financial Aid Suspension. Students who have their financial aid revoked due to the failure to meet the SAP standards are ineligible to receive financial aid and are responsible for payment of their own tuition and fees. Students will remain on financial aid suspension until they are able to meet both the quantitative and qualitative SAP standards, or have an appeal approved by the campus' Financial Aid Office.