

Dear WesternU Student,

As per the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Higher Opportunity Act of 2008, students must be informed of their college's Satisfactory Academic Progress Policies (SAP) as part of consumer disclosure information to the student. Please find below the link to your specific colleges SAP policies.

The Financial Aid Office would like to remind you of its SAP policies as it relates to financial aid:

Satisfactory Academic Progress

As per federal regulations and institutional policies, financial aid recipients must meet all Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards as established by each college in order to continue to receive financial aid. SAP is measured at the end of each payment period to ensure that the student is making reasonable academic progress to meet graduation requirements.

The standards of measurements in assessing satisfactory academic progress are:

Qualitative - Cumulative grade point average – Students are required to maintain a minimum cumulative GPA throughout their program while attending WesternU.

Quantitative/Pace - Pace is the rate at which a student completes requirements for their educational goal and is calculated by dividing the number of cumulative units completed by the number of cumulative attempted. Students must progress through their program to ensure that they will graduate within the maximum timeframe (as specified by each college).

Financial Aid Warning Policy (Title IV and Title VII) -

If a student is not making Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) they will be placed on "Financial Aid Warning" status for the next payment period and continue to receive financial aid for that period.

Financial Aid is any financial assistance offered to the student for paying for their education, such as loans, scholarships, Federal Work-Study, Grants and stipends (based on the criteria of the stipend). Students who fail to make SAP by the end of that payment period lose financial aid eligibility.

It is the policy of the Financial Aid Office (FAO) that once a student has been placed on academic probation for not meeting SAP standards as defined by the college, the Financial Aid Office will automatically place the student in a Financial Aid Warning status. During the next academic term if the student does not meet SAP standards and the college places the student on academic suspension the student will no longer be eligible for financial aid. If the student appeals the academic suspension and the appeal is approved, financial aid will be reinstated. If the student is directed to audit courses; those courses will not be covered by financial aid. Students that are required to repeat coursework are encouraged to meet with a financial aid counselor with respect to their financial aid eligibility.

If you are considering taking a leave of absence or any time off from class, you should meet with a financial aid counselor first to find out how this may affect your financial aid.

