

# SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

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Federal regulations require institutions to establish minimum standards of satisfactory academic progress for students receiving federal, state, and/or institutional financial aid. All course work is considered in the evaluation of students' academic progress, whether or not the student received financial aid at the time the work was completed.

Financial aid at Monmouth University is awarded to students for the entire academic year or summer session. Academic progress for all aid recipients is reviewed at the conclusion of the spring semester. If a student has not met **all** of the requisite standards, the student will be ineligible to receive federal, state, and/or institutional funds in future terms. Students who are deemed ineligible will be offered the opportunity to submit an appeal for reinstatement of their financial aid; refer to the Appeals section below for the appeals procedure.

The standards for determining satisfactory academic progress for federal or state funding at Monmouth University are measured along three dimensions: cumulative grade point average, pace, and maximum time frame.

**To remain in good standing, a student must meet each of the three requirements:**

- **Cumulative Grade Point Average:** Consistent with the general academic requirements of the University, graduate students must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00 to remain eligible for institutional and/or federal funding.
- **Pace:** All students must successfully complete at least 67% of the credit hours for which they enroll. Note that repeated courses and course work assigned grades of "W," "WF," "F," or "I" will not be counted as credits completed toward graduation but will be counted as attempted credits.
- **Maximum Time Frame:** The maximum number of credits a graduate student may attempt and receive funding for is 150% of the published number of credits required to complete their degree, certificate, or endorsement program.

To maintain satisfactory academic progress for University funding, graduate students must achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 for all graduate course work.

## Appeals Process

When a student is deemed ineligible for financial aid, the student will be provided with written notification of ineligibility. The student will have the opportunity to submit a written appeal for review. All such appeals should be forwarded to the Associate Director of Financial Aid. The Associate Director will review the appeal and may elect to return the student to good standing, continue the student's financial aid for a probationary period, reduce the student's financial aid award, place the student on an academic plan, or uphold the determination of ineligibility (e.g., cancel the student's financial aid). Students submitting an appeal will be provided written notification of the outcome of their appeal.

Generally, only appeals that involve documented circumstances beyond the student's control which have had an impact upon the student's academic performance will be considered. Circumstances which might merit an appeal include, but are not limited to, the following: serious illness or injury to the student or a member of the student's

immediate family, a death in the immediate family, or divorce. Supporting documentation of the circumstances forming the basis for the student's appeal must be submitted with the appeal. Students who have been deemed ineligible in a prior semester, but who have since improved their performance to the required level, are also encouraged to submit an appeal for the reinstatement of their aid; the student's financial aid will not be automatically reinstated.