



WAGNER COLLEGE

Office of Financial Aid

Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy **Effective July 1, 2011**

All students receiving federal, state and institutional aid (including athletic aid) must meet specific standards for establishing and retaining aid eligibility.

Satisfactory progress for federal and state aid differs. The following policy is in relation to federal and institutional aid.

Undergraduate Students

Undergraduate students at Wagner College must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 of a 4.0 scale based on units earned while at Wagner. Transfer units accepted by Wagner College are considered in the hours attempted and hours completed.

Maximum time frame

Per federal regulations, the maximum time frame a student may take to complete a degree is 150% of the length of the program. For a student who is enrolled continuously full-time normal degree completion takes four academic years; maximum time frame is six academic years. An undergraduate student is expected to complete his/her degree with 36 units. The maximum time frame permitted for a student to complete his/her degree and receive federal aid would be 54 units (36 units x 1.5 = 54 units). Maximum units includes transfer units from other institutions as well as units completed, withdrawals, repeated or failed classes.

Minimum units earned

A student must complete a minimum of 67% of the attempted hours for the academic year in order to be considered as making progress. Translated into units, this would equate to a minimum of 5.5 units must be successfully completed per academic year. Hours attempted includes hours completed with satisfactory grades (A, B, C, D) as well as W(withdrawal), I(incomplete), P(pass), F(ail) and repeated courses.

Maximum time frame and minimum units earned will be evaluated at the end of each academic year in the Spring semester. Review will take place by the Office of Financial Aid.

Consequences

Students who fail to meet the minimum SAP standards are ineligible for all financial aid with the exception of a private educational/alternative loan which does not require SAP as an eligibility requirement.

Appeal

A student may appeal his/her SAP status and ask to be reconsidered for financial aid. Acceptable conditions under which a student may appeal their SAP status are:

- Death of a relative including parent, legal guardian other than parent, sibling, grandparent, spouse or child
- Illness or injury of the student
- Serious illness or injury of family member which impaired the student's ability to perform academically or where the student is the primary caregiver
- Other situation which has directly impaired a student's ability to perform academically

An appeal must include:

- Why the student failed to make SAP and
- What has changed that will allow the student to make SAP at the end of the next evaluation

Requests for appeal must be received within two weeks of the date the SAP letter was issued. Appeals will be reviewed by a committee of campus personnel who will make a final determination. Decisions of the committee are final.

While an appeal is being reviewed, a student may enroll in and attend classes at his/her own expense.

Results of an appeal will be sent to the student in writing.

Approval of Appeal

If an appeal is approved and financial aid eligibility is reinstated, the student will be placed on Financial Aid Probation. The reinstatement of financial aid eligibility will be for a period no longer than one semester.

A student may be placed on an academic plan which will assist the student in regaining satisfactory progress.

At the end of a probationary period, a student must be making SAP or successfully following an academic plan in order for eligibility to be continued.

Consecutive appeals are prohibited.