

Office of Student Financial Aid

Academic Progress Tests

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FEDERAL AID IS AUTOMATICALLY SUSPENDED FOR STUDENTS WHO EARN NO HOURS FOR AN ENROLLED TERM

Federal financial aid regulations state students must be successfully progressing toward degree completion in order to maintain eligibility for the federal aid programs. Regulations also state we must use tests that measure both qualitative and quantitative progress, and that we must be at least as stringent as the academic colleges. Satisfactory Academic Progress is tested after each semester for all University students. All terms of enrollment are considered even if a student is not an aid recipient for specific terms. *Note: the financial aid Satisfactory Academic Progress process is completely separate from monitoring done within college offices. Students may appear to be making progress in one realm and be cited for lack of progress in the other realm.* All standards used are based on University and College Handbooks and are approved by the Board of Trustees.

1) Cumulative GPA:

Regulations state an undergraduate student must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA by the end of the sophomore year. Nursing students must always maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA. Graduate students must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA, and Law students are expected to maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA. Please see the attached chart for specific GPA ranges. Levels considered: undergraduate and graduate.

2) Completion Ratio:

Undergraduate students are expected to successfully complete 67% of all hours attempted. Graduate and Law students are expected to successfully complete 50% of all hours attempted. "Successful" completion does not allow for F, NC, IN, U, W, **NR*****, etc. grades. In this test we must include all accepted transfer hours within the appropriate academic level (undergraduate, graduate, law) in both the attempted and completed hours calculation. Levels considered: undergraduate, graduate, and law.

3) Maximum time frame for degree completion:

Students are allowed to attempt 150% of the average number of hours needed to earn a degree before being cited for maximum time frame. Most bachelor degree students are cited after 186 attempted hours. Associate degree students are cited after 99 hours. Certificate students are cited after 45 hours. All hours attempted at a specific degree level, including transfer hours, are used when calculating attempted hours. Levels considered: undergraduate

Additionally...

Federal financial aid is automatically suspended for students who earn no hours for an enrolled term. Cited students can appeal to show extenuating circumstances were the cause of poor academic performance.

Financial aid academic progress Appeals and Plan-of-Study (POS) forms are available on the Financial Aid Office website. **Appeal** forms should be submitted electronically per instructions on the form. **POS** forms must be completed, signed, and submitted to the Office of Student Financial Aid or to Rocket Solution Central. All review is done by financial aid administrators and may take up to two weeks.

Other items having an effect on financial aid eligibility:

Students in UND majors are never considered to be more than sophomore level and will only receive sophomore level financial aid.

Students with majors of QUST, TRAN, and PMAJ who have UND "degrees" are only allowed three terms of federal aid. Additional eligibility may be gained when they matriculate into degree granting programs.

Conditionally admitted undergraduates are MAY NOT be eligible for federal financial aid.

Provisionally admitted graduate students are not eligible for federal financial aid.

Special Status students (SPU, SPM, SPD, etc) are not eligible for federal financial aid.

Students with UND degrees are not considered for specific types of aid due to federal regulations requiring students to be in bachelor, associate, or associate degree programs. Certain associate degree programs are not eligible for aid.

*****NR grades** (*Grades assumed by Banner when no grades have been submitted by instructors for gradable courses.*) are not acceptable for financial aid. Federal aid is immediately suspended for students who have NR grades. Federal Aid remains suspended across terms until grades for the courses are submitted.

Federal regulations DO NOT recognize academic forgiveness. All hours forgiven at the University level will be counted in satisfactory academic progress calculations.