How SAP Affects Your Financial Aid

What is Satisfactory Academic Progress?

For purposes of determining financial aid eligibility under Title IV of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, an institution must establish reasonable standards for measuring whether a student is maintaining satisfactory academic progress (SAP).

How do I maintain SAP?

To maintain SAP and retain federal aid eligibility, you must meet the following criteria after each semester. View LSU-specific requirements at www.lsu.edu/sap.

- Pass a minimum percentage of all courses attempted
- Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA
- Complete a degree or certificate program within a maximum time frame

Will dropping a class affect my SAP?

You are encouraged to check with Financial Aid before dropping a course. This could affect your “Pace of Progression,” which could cause you not to meet SAP and lose your federal aid eligibility.

Do the classes I take affect my SAP?

Always ensure you are taking courses that are required for your degree. Only required courses are eligible for federal aid. Also, you could exceed your maximum time frame and not meet SAP, which could result in loss of federal aid eligibility.

How do I know if I am meeting SAP?

You can view your current SAP status on myLSU after grades are posted at the end of each semester.

- Passing: You are meeting minimum standards and will be eligible to receive aid in the upcoming semester.
- Suspension: You are not meeting minimum standards and you will not be eligible for aid in the upcoming semester.
- Warning: You are not meeting minimum standards and have been placed on warning for the upcoming semester. Failure to meet after the upcoming semester will result in suspension of aid.
- Ineligible: Your appeal has been denied and you are ineligible for Federal Title IV Financial Aid.
- Probation: You are eligible for aid but must meet minimum SAP standards at the end of current term

Need more information about SAP? Visit www.lsu.edu/sap

Important Dates

- APR 13: Classes resume following spring break
- APR 23: Concentrated study period begins

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