

Standards of Academic Progress for Recipients of Financial Aid

University of Notre Dame

The University of Notre Dame requires all recipients of institutional financial aid to maintain academic good standing as outlined in *du Lac*. In addition, the Education Amendments of 1980, and subsequent federal regulations, require institutions to define, publish and implement Standards of Academic Progress for students receiving federal financial aid. Recipients of aid through the following programs are subject to these Standards: Pell Grant, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), Academic Competitiveness Grant, National SMART Grant, State Student Incentive Grant (SSIG), Perkins Loan, Stafford Loan, PLUS Loan and Federal Work-Study (FWS). The Standards of Academic Progress policy outlined below are established for this purpose.

- A. **Academic Good Standing:** in general, students must meet the University's minimum requirements for academic good standing, as outlined in *du Lac*, in order to receive federal financial aid. Failure to retain academic good standing will result in academic probation **and** probation for purposes of federal financial aid. Students may receive federal aid while in this probationary status. However, once a student is declared "subject to dismissal," if he/she is "continued on probation," he/she is **not** automatically eligible for federal financial aid.
- B. **Academic Satisfactory Progress:** students must earn credits at the rates which are prescribed below in order to maintain eligibility for federal financial aid. The following letter grades do not result in credits earned: F, X, I, U, V, W, NR.

Full-time undergraduate students are expected to complete degree requirements in either eight or ten semesters, depending on their academic program. The chart on the reverse side outlines the **minimum** requirements for Academic Good Standing (minimum semester GPA) and for Academic Satisfactory Progress (minimum cumulative credits earned) for undergraduate recipients of federal financial aid. Standards for both full-time and part-time students, as well as for four-year and five-year academic programs, are shown.

Graduate and professional programs vary considerably in length. Therefore, graduate students must complete their programs according to schedules established by their respective departments or schools. The Director of Financial Aid will be notified by the Graduate School, Law School, or the College of Business Administration if a graduate student receiving federal financial aid is not maintaining Standards of Progress.

Undergraduate transfer students will be placed on the chart based on the level determined at the point of admission (number of transfer credits accepted). Such students will then be evaluated using the criteria listed.

The above Standards of Academic Progress are reviewed on an annual basis, as students complete each academic year level (Freshman, Sophomore, etc.). Students terminated from federal aid for failure to maintain these standards must achieve all stated grade point average and cumulative credits earned requirements for his/her academic year level before aid can be reinstated. Students who are terminated and who wish to return with aid for the following semester may use the time between semesters to accomplish readmittance, achieve the minimum cumulative credits earned requirement, or complete courses for which the grade of X or I has been assigned.

Students will be notified in writing by the Director of Financial Aid when failure to maintain progress results in the loss of financial aid. Appeals of such a decision, based on mitigating circumstances, must be made in writing by the student to the Director of Financial Aid. Appeals will be evaluated by the Director of Financial Aid, and in many cases the appropriate academic dean, and a written decision will be forwarded to the student within three weeks of the appeal.

Undergraduate Standards of Academic Progress			
Semesters	Minimum Semester GPA	Minimum Cumulative Credits Earned Required of Full-time Students*	Minimum Cumulative Credits Earned Required of Part-time Students*
1	1.70		
2	1.85	20	10
3	2.00		
4	2.00	48	24
5	2.00		
6	2.00	84	42
7	2.00		
8	2.00	120	60
9	2.00		
10	2.00	156	78
11	2.00		
12	2.00		96
13	2.00		
14	2.00		114
15	2.00		
16	2.00		132
17	2.00		
18	2.00		150
19	2.00		
20	2.00		168

*Full-time is defined as 12 hours or more; part-time is defined as 11 hours or less