Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy Changes

Effective Fall 2016

1. **Our office will no longer evaluate a student’s SAP eligibility at the end of each payment period.**
   All students will be annually reviewed for SAP eligibility (with the exception of students in clock-hour programs). SAP evaluations will occur at the end of the spring semester (starting with the spring 2017 semester) and again at the end of summer for students enrolled in summer courses. For clock-hour program students, SAP evaluation will occur at the end of each grading period.

   - Certain populations will be reviewed at the end of each term. For example, students with an approved appeal will be placed on probation for one semester and will be reviewed at the end of the probationary semester. Students will also be reviewed for the maximum timeframe requirement at the end of every semester.

   - Since students will be evaluated for SAP eligibility annually, students not meeting the SAP standards will **not** receive a warning semester. Students who do not meet the SAP standards will be immediately ineligible for financial aid.

2. **Under the previous policy, students were considered to be meeting the qualitative (grade-based) SAP standard if they were enrolled in a degree program. Under the new policy, students will also have to meet the GPA requirement.** The qualitative standard will require students whose academic programs use GPA to maintain a minimum cumulative GPA as defined:

   - Undergraduate student: 2.0 cumulative GPA
   - Graduate student: 3.0 cumulative GPA
   - Law School student: 2.0 cumulative GPA
   - Teacher Certificate Program: 3.0 cumulative GPA

   *The GPA standard will go into effect after the spring 2017 semester.* This means that a student who is entering the fall 2016 semester with a cumulative GPA below 2.0 will have the fall 2016 semester and the spring 2017 semester to bring their cumulative GPA to a 2.0.

3. **Credits dropped during the drop/add period will not be counted as attempted credits.** Once the drop/add period has ended, all credits that a student has registered for will count as attempted credits for SAP evaluations. Students who have dropped credits during the drop/add period in previous semesters and are below the completion rate may be eligible once the dropped credits are removed from attempted credits.

4. **The completion rate requirement will still be 67%, and the maximum timeframe requirement will not change; however, if at any point in time the Office of Student Aid determines that it is not mathematically possible for the student to complete his academic program within the maximum timeframe, the student will become ineligible for financial aid and placed on financial aid suspension.** A student who is not meeting SAP may request a SAP Appeal Form from the Office of Student Aid. If the appeal is approved, the student will be placed on financial aid probation and will receive Federal Student Aid.