

## **Satisfactory Academic Progress**

To be eligible for federal financial assistance students must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards. The New School requires that students meet the following minimum standards:

### **Qualitative SAP Standards**

- 2.0 cumulative Grade Point Average for undergraduates
- 3.0 cumulative Grade Point Average for graduate students

### **Quantitative SAP Standards**

Students must have earned at least 66% of their attempted course credits to be considered to be meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress minimum standards.

Students are permitted to receive federal student aid only for the number of terms that reach 150% of the amount of time it normally takes to complete their degree program. Students are not eligible to receive federal financial assistance for terms beyond this point, even if they did not receive aid for all of terms included in figuring whether they have exceeded 150% of the maximum time allowed to complete their degree requirements.

SAP is reviewed yearly except for students on probation whose status is reviewed each semester.

**Transfer credits** from other schools may be counted toward SAP standards provided they are included both as attempted and as earned credits.

### **Repeated courses**

The New School's academic policies permit students to repeat up to three classes with divisional approval if the student earned less than a B- in those classes. The Financial Aid Office does not award federal financial assistance to students repeating courses in order to attempt to earn a higher grade. Courses repeated due to an earlier failing grade are eligible for federal student aid if the course is a requirement for the student's degree program.

### **Reviewing SAP**

Students meeting all minimum SAP standards are packaged for the full academic year. Students not meeting all minimum standards are subject to financial aid probation or loss of financial aid eligibility.

### **Financial Aid Probation and Lost Eligibility**

Students are eligible for a maximum of two semesters of probation and SAP is reviewed each semester for students on probation. After two consecutive semesters of financial aid probation, a student loses eligibility for financial assistance.

**Maintaining / Regaining Eligibility**

Students can regain eligibility for financial assistance after periods of probation or having lost eligibility as soon as they meet the qualitative and quantitative standards for SAP as stated above. Alternatively, they may appeal the decision to regain eligibility.

**Appeals**

Students may appeal the financial aid office's determination that they are no longer eligible to receive financial assistance because they are not making Satisfactory Academic Progress by submitting a letter to the Financial Aid Office. SAP appeals are reviewed by the financial aid appeal committee. The financial aid office will consider waiving the SAP standards for students who document mitigating circumstances that contributed to their academic difficulties.