

NEW FINANCIAL AID SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP) STANDARDS

The U.S. Department of Education recently published new regulations in an effort to ensure program integrity at higher education institutions. These regulations were designed to ensure that only eligible students receive aid. GSU is required to establish standards for SAP that measure a student's progress toward degree completion using both qualitative and quantitative measures.

At the end of fall 2011 the following requirements will take effect:

Evaluation Period – Compliance with SAP requirements will be monitored **every term**.

Students' academic record will be reviewed at the end of each term for the following:

GPA - cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (undergraduate) and 3.0 (graduate/doctoral)

Completion Rate - cumulative completion rate of 67%

Maximum Time Frame –cannot exceed 150% (maximum time frame to complete program) of the program's credit hour length.

New for GSU Students

What is new for GSU? The cumulative completion ratio requirement has changed to 67% and is monitored at the end of each term. In addition, all transfer credits accepted toward degree requirements will now count when calculating completion rate and total program credit length.

Warning Status – Students who do not meet the cumulative GPA and 67% completion rate minimum each term, will be placed on financial aid WARNING. Students who do not meet the minimum requirement their next term of enrollment, will not be eligible for financial aid.

New Appeal Process – Students that are no longer eligible for financial aid may appeal. However, the new appeal guidelines are much more restrictive and will require more documentation. Successful appeals will have more restrictive conditions to maintain eligibility.

Transfer Credits – All transfer credits accepted toward degree requirements will now count when calculating completion ratio and program credit length.

It is important to note that the Financial Aid SAP standards are separate and different from the university's Academic Policy.

For more detailed information, refer to the [SAP Policy](#)