

Board Policies

STUDENT AFFAIRS

433.00 SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS POLICY FOR FEDERAL AID RECIPIENTS

Cowley College recognizes the need to provide financial assistance to qualified students. Federal regulations require students receiving federal aid to make "Satisfactory Academic Progress" (SAP) in order to continue receiving federal aid.

SAP progress of all students on federal aid will be measured at the end of each semester, Fall, Spring, and Summer. SAP status will be evaluated based on hours attempted, hours completed, grade point average (GPA), and the maximum timeframe allowed for the degree or certificate in which the student is enrolled. Max time frame is 150% of a programs' required hours for completion – the Max Timeframe for an Associate's Degree is 95 credit hours.

A student must complete a minimum of 67% of credit hours attempted each semester with a grade point average of 1.75 or better each semester and a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 once 31 or more credit hours have been attempted.

A class that is a DROP (D) – those classes that are removed from your record and charges refunded to you – will not count as part of your hours attempted.

A class that is a WITHDRAW (W) – those classes you drop AFTER the refund period, but the corresponding charges remain on your account – WILL count as part of your hours attempted each semester.

A class that has an Incomplete (I) grade present on the student's record at the time of review, will be calculated as attempted hours with an "F" grade. It is the student's responsibility to notify financial aid if the grade is changed. Eligibility could be recalculated based on an increase in earned hours.

Notification of a change in your SAP status will be sent in writing to the student's school-issued e-mail within 15 days after the last day of each semester or the latest ending class to which the student was enrolled.

This policy is implemented through procedure AP 433 - Satisfactory Academic Progress for Federal Aid Recipients Procedure.

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