

SAP Appeals

Warning:

The status of Warning is given to students who, for the first time, do not meet either the GPA or 67% Satisfactory Academic Progress standards at the end of a semester. The student is given a semester to improve their SAP standing or they will lose their financial aid eligibility for the subsequent semester. Students do not need to appeal the warning status, as they are granted financial aid for one semester.

SAP Appeals

Students who do not meet all Satisfactory Academic Progress standards at the end of each semester will lose their financial aid eligibility for the subsequent semester. Students may appeal the loss of their aid, in writing, to the Financial Aid Office within 15 days from the date of the notification letter. Only appeals that document mitigating circumstances will be considered. **Lack of transportation is not considered a mitigating circumstance.**

- A student may apply for an appeal and if approved, it would be valid for **one** semester only.

Students who lose their eligibility for financial aid due to lack of satisfactory academic progress and do not qualify for an appeal can regain their eligibility if they are able to correct their deficiency. This can be accomplished by taking courses at SVCC with out-of-pocket funds. It is important to realize that failure of the 150% Rule is permanent and all coursework will be considered for all SAP Rules.

TMS Payment Plan

This is a plan for students who are not eligible for financial aid whereby they can make payments towards their tuition and fees. Please call the Business Office for more information.

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The purpose of this brochure is to allow you, the student, to make informed decisions regarding your academic career at Southside Virginia Community College. If you have any questions about the information provided in this brochure, please contact the Financial Aid Office.

Remember to...

- Plan your class schedule carefully.
- Maintain excellent attendance.
- Meet with your counselor/advisor.
- Maintain strong study habits.

Financial Aid Office

Satisfactory Academic Progress



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Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

Satisfactory Academic Progress is a series of standards including academic performance and classroom attendance established by the U.S. Department of Education. In order to receive federal and state financial aid, a student must meet these standards. The Financial Aid Office evaluates students for SAP for grade point average, completion rate, and maximum time. A student must meet all three standards.

1. **Grade Point Average (GPA Rule):** The minimum cumulative GPA requirement is based on the number of credit hours attempted.

Credits Attempted	Required GPA
1-15	1.50
16-30	1.75
31 or more	2.00

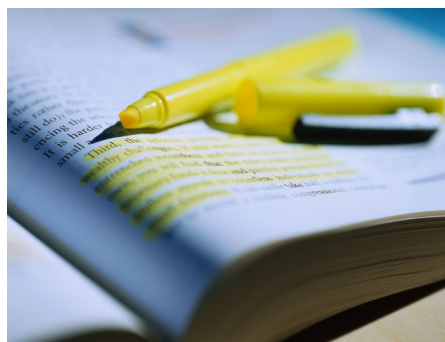
2. **Completion Rate (67% Rule) :** A student must earn at least 67% of their attempted hours. This calculation is performed by dividing the number of credit hours earned by the number of credit hours attempted. All courses attempted at SVCC are included and this evaluation begins with the first class a student attempts.
Satisfactory Grades: A, B, C, D, P, S
Unsatisfactory Grades: F, I, U, W, X, R
3. **Maximum Time (150% Rule):** A student may not receive financial aid once they have attempted a total number of courses that meets or exceeds 150% of their program's length. All credit courses attempted and all applicable transfer courses are included, regardless of whether or not financial aid was received. Failure of this rule is permanent.

PER FEDERAL REGULATIONS:

ALL COURSEWORK AT SVCC AND ALL APPLICABLE TRANSFER CREDITS WILL BE CONSIDERED WHETHER OR NOT AID WAS AWARDED OR RECEIVED.

The College has the option on an individual student basis to put a transfer student in Financial Aid Warning Status immediately upon evaluation for financial aid if academic history at previous colleges indicates a pattern of unsuccessful academic work.

Please note that only 30 credits of developmental coursework can be covered by financial aid.



Know the Difference Between Dropping and Withdrawing From a Class

Until the end of the add/drop period for each semester, a student may DROP a class by completing the proper paperwork. Dropped classes will not appear on the student's academic record. After the end of the add/drop period through the last day to withdraw without academic penalty, it is considered a WITHDRAWAL from class. The withdrawal stays on the academic record, and is counted towards the student's enrollment status and in all SAP calculations. Students who withdraw frequently run the risk of losing their eligibility in the future.

Avoid Excessive Withdrawals

During your academic career at SVCC, you may consider withdrawing from a class. Title IV and state funds are awarded to a student under the assumption that the student will attend school for the entire period for which the assistance is awarded. When a student withdraws, the student may no longer be eligible for the full amount of Title IV funds that the student was originally scheduled to receive. Federal law requires us to return part of your federal financial aid if you withdraw from or stop attending ALL classes prior to the passing of the 60% point of the semester **or** if attendance ceases prior to the entire period of enrollment. You will have to REPAY the part of your financial aid that is deemed "unearned" by the U.S. Department of Education. The percentage of funds that you would be financially liable to return is based on your last date of attendance for the semester involved. If you do not repay the portion of financial aid funds for which you are responsible, then you may be reported to the federal government, thus becoming ineligible for future financial assistance until this debt is paid in full. All services for the college could also be restricted.

REMEMBER:

Withdrawing from class can cause you to lose financial aid eligibility and cause you to owe money back to the college.

Adding Classes Late

Adding a class after the last day to drop with a refund will be too late for financial aid consideration. Financial aid cannot be adjusted up if courses are added at this time.