

## **Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy**

Federal regulations require that students make Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) towards the completion of their degree and maintain good academic standing. Students who fall behind in their coursework, or fail to achieve minimum standards for grade point average and completion of classes, risk losing their eligibility for federal and state financial aid, external scholarships/grants/loans, and Adrian College grants and scholarships.

SAP is assessed both qualitatively (by cumulative grade point average) and quantitatively (by earned credit hours). Progress is measured at the end of each semester to determine a student's financial aid eligibility for future enrollment periods. Students not meeting these SAP standards are notified by the Office of Financial Aid (both by mail using their self-reported permanent address and through their Adrian College email account) that they have become ineligible for future financial aid eligibility and the process for appeal.

**Those students placed on Financial Aid Warning will have their notifications emailed to their Adrian College email accounts; students placed on Financial Aid Probation and Denied status will have notifications sent to their Adrian College email accounts as well as through mail using their FAFSA permanent address.**

### **Financial Aid Warning**

The first time a student does not meet SAP standards they will be placed on Financial Aid Warning for the next semester. This means they are one term away from losing their financial aid eligibility but are still eligible for financial aid for the subsequent semester. Failure to meet SAP standards in the semester in which the student is on Financial Aid Warning will result in Financial Aid Suspension.

### **Financial Aid Denied**

If after a semester on Financial Aid Warning and the student still does not meet SAP standards, they are immediately placed on Financial Aid Denied status. The student will not receive federal or institutional financial aid but may appeal this status by completing the appeal form and submitting necessary documents.

### **Financial Aid Probation**

If the student has successfully appealed a Financial Aid Denied status, they will be placed on Financial Aid Probation for one term. This means the student can then receive financial aid for the next semester. If the student does meet the SAP standards at the end of the Probation term, their SAP Status will reset back to meets SAP. If they do not meet the SAP standards at the end of the Probation term, they will be placed back into Denied status.

Students are limited to two (2) SAP Appeal submissions during their enrollment at Adrian College.

### **Academic Plan**

Students on Financial Aid Warning and Financial Aid Probation will be expected to obtain a 2.0 grade point average for the following semester and take a minimum of 12 credit hours without withdrawing from any courses by the end of that semester.

If you have any additional question, please feel free to email the Office of Financial Aid at [finaid@adrian.edu](mailto:finaid@adrian.edu).