



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 3357:15-18-07 Standards of academic progress.

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Standards of academic progress (SAP) are a series of standards required to maintain eligibility for federal student aid. Requirements include components of completion of credit hours and grade point average (GPA) as defined in this policy. Students who do not meet these requirements will be disqualified from future federal financial aid.

Standards of academic progress requirements:

- (A) Stark state college requires that any student who applies for or receives federal financial aid makes satisfactory academic progress toward an Ohio department of higher education (ODHE) approved degree or certificate. All students are subject to the evaluation of standards of academic progress.
- (B) Satisfactory academic progress is measured as follows:
 - (1) GPA (qualitative measure): overall grade point average of 2.0.
 - (2) Completion rate (quantitative measure): completion of sixty-seven per cent of the cumulative attempted credit hours, including hours of repeated and developmental coursework. All accepted transfer hours will also be included in this calculation. The calculated percentage will be subject to rounding to the nearest whole number based on standard mathematical rounding rules.
 - (3) Maximum timeframe (quantitative measure): completion of an ODHE-approved degree or certificate within the required number of credit hours as listed in the college catalog for the applied bachelor's degree, associate degree, or certificate program, multiplied by one hundred fifty per cent as determined by office of financial aid. This measure will include all accepted transfer credit hours and up to thirty attempted credit hours of required developmental coursework. If a student changes his or her major or is seeking a second degree, the percentage of completion does not start at zero per cent. A student becomes ineligible, via the maximum timeframe element, at the point at which it becomes mathematically impossible for them to complete the program within one hundred fifty per cent.
 - (4) Successful financial aid grade completions are: A, AH, B, BH, C, UC, D, UD, CR.
 - (5) Unsuccessful financial aid grade completions are: F, W, IN, NC, W, IN, and NC grades do not affect the GPA but are included in the completion rate and maximum timeframe components of the SAP calculation. Once IN grades are changed, the student's GPA, completion rate, and maximum timeframe components are re-calculated. Courses in which a student remained enrolled past the add/drop period and earned a W grade cannot be excluded from the calculation.



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- (6) Repeated coursework (see rule 3357:15-13-08 of the Administrative Code) will count toward the number of attempted hours for completion rate and maximum timeframe calculations. Only the highest grade will be used in the calculation of the student's GPA.
 - (7) Grades assigned to developmental coursework are included in the calculation of the student's grade point average (GPA), completion rate, and maximum timeframe for satisfactory academic progress (SAP). All developmental coursework attempted is included in SAP calculations and applied toward these limits even if the student did not use financial aid to pay for those courses.
- (C) Failure to meet these measurements will result in the loss of federal financial aid eligibility.