



WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

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Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress

Federal Regulations require that *students must be making measurable academic progress towards completion of an eligible degree or certification*. This requires evaluation of both quantitative and qualitative academic progress as well as completion of degree objective within 150% of the normal timeframe. The policies described below pertain **only to the awarding of financial aid**.

Students failing to meet the University's satisfactory academic progress requirements will be ineligible for Federal Financial Aid.

All periods of enrollment will be included in the measurement of satisfactory academic progress including terms in which the student enrolled but did not receive financial aid. Progress will be measured once per academic year at the end of the spring term. Students not meeting SAP standards will be notified by mail and their WINS accounts.

Qualitative Standards:

Freshmen (0-29 earned hours) – must maintain a 1.60 cumulative GPA.

Sophomores (30-59 earned hours) – must maintain a 1.8 cumulative GPA.

Juniors and Seniors (60+ earned hours) – must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA.

Graduate students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5.

Quantitative Standard:

Students must successfully **complete 70% of all attempted credit hours**. The calculation is made as follows: $\text{earned credit hours} / \text{attempted credit hours} = \text{completion rate}$. All credit, including transfer work, on the student's academic transcript is included.

Maximum Time Frame for Degree Completion:

Students must obtain their degree objective within **150% of the normal timeframe**. For example, undergraduate students in programs requiring 120 credit hours must complete their first baccalaureate degree within 180 attempted credit hours.

Important:

The **WV Higher Education Grant** and **PA State Grant** require a student meet the institutions SAP policy, pass at least 24 credit hours in Fall and Spring, and maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA. The **WV PROMISE Scholarship** requires students complete 30 credit hours in Fall and Spring and maintain a minimum over 2.75 GPA.

WLU Academic Scholarships typically require a minimum overall 3.25 GPA for renewal each year and 30 completed credit hours.