

FEDERALLY MANDATED CRITERIA FOR FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY AT ODU

To be eligible for federal aid, a student must be a regular student. Which is defined as: "A person who is enrolled or accepted for enrollment at an institution for the purpose of obtaining a degree, certificate, or other recognized educational credential offered by that institution" (federal regulation section 600.2 of the General provision regulations).

Federal regulation stipulates that students are eligible to receive federal Title IV assistance for credit hours/course work that are/is counted towards the completion of their degree/certificate program of study only.

While the federal rule may allow for financial aid to be awarded to students in certificate programs, Old Dominion University has only one certificate program that is eligible for financial aid consideration which is the Teacher's Licensure program.

Maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) is one of the determining factors of student eligibility for continued receipt of financial aid. A student's progress is measured by PACE, Qualitative GPA, and Maximum Time frame.

All ODU students must demonstrate continuous progress toward their degree program requirements within an established time frame. If students do not meet SAP standards, they will be in jeopardy of losing financial aid eligibility, including federal, state, institutional and/or certified private loans.



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SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

For Undergraduate & Graduate Students



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Federal law requires that institutions of higher education monitor the academic progress of students who receive federal aid. In order to remain eligible for federal, state and some institutional financial aid, students must comply with Old Dominion University's standards for Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). All undergraduate & graduate students will be evaluated at the end of every academic aid year (Spring semester). Students not meeting SAP standards will be sent notifications to their ODU email address.

A STUDENT'S PROGRESS IS MEASURED BY:

PACE

The number of credits earned in relation to attempted hours.

QUALITATIVE GPA

Undergraduate Minimum GPA: 2.0
Graduate Minimum GPA: 3.0

MAXIMUM TIME FRAME *

Student may not exceed 150% of the published length of their educational program. Students will be notified and will need to appeal for financial aid when they are approaching 150%. Old Dominion University requires an appeal once a student attempts 125% of degree hours needed.

Transfer credit hours are included toward both undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Credit hours are counted starting with the semester the student entered school, even semesters in which a student did not receive financial aid.

CALCULATING PACE

UNDERGRADUATE

Undergraduate students must complete **67 percent** of the total credit hours attempted, including transfer credits.

0.67 x Attempted Hours = The minimum hours an undergraduate student must earn

Example 1: Student attempts 63 hours and earned 48 hours

$$0.67 \times 63 = 42 \text{ hours}$$

This student HAS met SAP standards for PACE.

Example 2: Student attempts 118 hours and earned 78 hours

$$0.67 \times 118 = 79 \text{ hours}$$

This student HAS NOT met SAP standards for PACE.



GRADUATE

Graduate students must complete **80 percent** of the total credit hours attempted, including transfer credit hours.

0.80 x Attempted Hours = The minimum hours a graduate student must earn

Example: Student attempts 20 hours and earns 19 hours

$$0.80 \times 20 \text{ hours} = 16 \text{ hours}$$

This student HAS met SAP standards for PACE.

FINANCIAL AID SUSPENSION & PROBATION

Students who do not meet SAP standards are placed on financial aid suspension. Every student has the option to appeal his or her suspension.* Only mitigating circumstances that seriously affect your academic progress will be considered.

Students currently on financial aid probation will be reviewed at the end of each academic term. Students who fail to meet the probationary conditions will be ineligible for future aid until SAP guidelines are met.

THE APPEAL PROCESS

- Complete SAP appeal form and complete Evaluation of Academic Performance form with academic advisor.
- Submit your complete appeal packet with supporting documents and allow two weeks for a decision. The decision will be sent to your ODU email address.
- Reestablishing Eligibility
Students whose appeals are denied or not submitted, may regain financial aid eligibility by meeting the SAP standards. During the period(s) in which a student is not meeting SAP standards, the student must personally pay for each period of enrollment until financial aid eligibility has been regained. Once a student has reestablished SAP standards they will regain eligibility for future periods of enrollment.

Repeated Coursework
Students are allowed to repeat a previously passed course and have it count toward enrollment for financial aid eligibility only once. All repeats will count against the maximum total attempted credits and reduce the pace/ completion rate.