North Carolina Central University
Office of Scholarships & Student Aid

2014 SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS POLICY FOR

GRADUATE AND LAW STUDENTS

Federal regulations require that students receiving financial aid maintain satisfactory academic progress from both qualitative and quantitative measures: cumulative GPA and hours earned compared to hours attempted

Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)

Graduate students must maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average. Law students must have a cumulative grade point average of 1.8 at the end of the first year of enrollment and a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 for remaining years.

Students pursuing a graduate degree must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0.

Note: To remain eligible for financial aid, graduate students must earn 75% of total attempted hours for all previous graduate level periods of enrollment.

Full-time enrollment: 9 or more course credit hours
Half-time enrollment: 4.5 course credit hours

Hours Earned (Compared to Hours Attempted)

To remain eligible for financial aid, graduate and law students must earn at least 75% of total cumulative hours attempted. For financial aid purposes, the following definitions and conditions apply:

- To earn hours at NCCU, one must receive a grade of A, B, C (including "+" or "-"). All other grades, including F, I, W,WF, WC, NP, NU, or AU, do not earn hours.

- Classes from which a student withdraws after the drop/add period count as attempted but not earned hours. Therefore, withdrawing from classes after the drop/add period will negatively affect students' ability to satisfy the hours earned standard.

- Audited courses count as attempted but not earned hours. Therefore, auditing classes will negatively affect students' ability to satisfy the hours earned standard

- When a student repeats a course, the total attempted hours will increase with each repeat, but the student may only earn hours for a successfully completed course once. Therefore, repeating courses may negatively affect students' ability to satisfy the hours earned standard.

- Accepted transfer credit will count as both attempted and earned hours.

Satisfactory Academic Appeal (SAP) Process

After the annual review a student will be assigned a SAP status. Please see definition of statuses below.

Satisfactory Status

Satisfactory status is achieved when the student has met:

- Completed 75% of attempted hours
- Met cumulative GPA as established by the Registrar's Office

INELIGIBLE

Students who are not meeting the standards are ineligible for financial assistance for the next enrollment period. To regain eligibility for financial aid, a student may file a SAP appeal form.

PROBATION

Students who receive this status have filed an appeal for financial aid to the Scholarships and Student Aid Office. Students in this category must have an approved SAP appeal rendered by the committee In addition to the approved SAP appeal; students must also meet the following Financial Aid Progression Plan:

- Complete 75% of their attempted hours
- Students must earn a cumulative GPA of 3.0

Approvals are granted for one semester at a time. All Financial Aid Progression Plans will be reviewed at the end of each semester. To remain eligible for financial aid, students must successfully complete their Financial Aid Progression Plan.

NON-COMPLIANT

Students who fail to successfully complete their Financial Aid Progression Plan become ineligible to receive financial for the next semester. In order to possibly receive financial aid for the next semester, ineligible students may file a new SAP appeal form with the Scholarships and Student Aid Office.

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- Complete 75% of their attempted hours
- Students must earn a cumulative GPA of 3.0

Approvals are granted for one semester at a time. All Financial Aid Progression Plans will be reviewed at the end of each semester. To remain eligible for financial aid, students must successfully complete their Financial Aid Progression Plan.

Summer School

Satisfactory Academic Progress for Summer School will be based on the student's eligibility as after Spring grades are reviewed. If you are deemed ineligible after the Spring semester, you will not qualify for financial aid for the upcoming Summer or any future terms until you are meeting the satisfactory academic progress policy.

Annual Satisfactory Academic Progress Reviews

At the end of the Spring Semester, a year-end review is completed, and students who are out of compliance with one or more of the satisfactory academic progress standards become ineligible for further financial aid until all deficiencies are remedied. The Scholarships and Student Aid Office sends written notification of ineligibility to students at their permanent addresses as listed in official university records in the Registrar's Office. Satisfactory Academic Progress and eligibility for financial aid are determined each academic year after the Spring Semester grades are available.

Appeals

Federal regulations allow for certain special cases in which the university may waive the standards. Appeals for the waiver may be considered if a student's failure to comply with one or more areas of Satisfactory Academic Progress is due to events beyond the student's control, such as a student's extended illness, serious illness or death in the immediate family, or other significant life experience *and* if such mitigating circumstances can be appropriately documented for the specific term(s) in which the deficiency occurred. Eligibility may be regained by appeal for a fall or spring semester. Contact the Scholarships and Student Aid Office to obtain an *Appeal for Reinstatement of Eligibility form or visit our website at www.nccu.edu/SSA.*

This SAP policy was approved April, 2014 and SAP will be measured by this policy at the end of Spring 2014 and replaces all previous SAP policies.

For further information regarding Satisfactory Academic Progress, the student should contact:
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