

2.4 Satisfactory Academic Progress

All students at Kentucky Mountain Bible College are required to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). Students who are receiving federal student financial aid risk becoming ineligible for receiving further funds for failing to maintain SAP.

SAP ensures that students are making satisfactory progress toward completion of an approved degree in a reasonable period of time, within a reasonable number of credit hours, and with a reasonable grade point average. To continue receiving federal student financial aid, students must maintain satisfactory academic progress measured by the following standards:

Qualitative Standard (Grade Point Average)

Hours Attempted	Cumulative GPA
0-18	1.0
19-30	1.5
31-59	1.8
60 and above	2.0

Quantitative Standard

Students must successfully complete 67% of the cumulative credit hours attempted. This is also known as the completion rate or pace.

Students must finish their degree program within 150% of the program's length, measured in credit hours. This is the maximum time frame requirement. Students not meeting the time frame requirement will immediately become ineligible for federal student financial aid.

Evaluation

SAP is evaluated at the end of each semester. Students must meet both the qualitative and quantitative tests to maintain SAP.

Warning Semester

When a student fails to meet SAP requirements, the student will be placed on Financial Aid Warning and may continue to receive federal student financial aid for one additional semester. Written notification will be provided to the student at the end of the semester.

Financial Aid Termination

Students who fail to meet SAP standards at the conclusion of the Warning Semester will immediately become ineligible for federal student financial aid funds in the following semester. Written notification will be provided to the student at the end of the semester.

Appeal

Students may appeal financial aid termination. An appeal must be in writing signed by the student and submitted to the Financial Aid Office. Appeals are reviewed by the Financial Aid Director with the Academic Dean. Appeals are granted on a case by case basis and must cite one of the following:

- Severe, prolonged illness or injury of student
- Death of an immediate family member
- Other extraordinary circumstances beyond the student's control

Upon successful appeal, the student may receive federal financial student aid for one additional semester. At the conclusion of the appeal semester, the student must achieve SAP, or will immediately become ineligible to receive federal financial student aid in the following semester.

Written notification will be provided to the student with the decision on the appeal.

Re-Instatement

Students whose federal student financial aid eligibility has been terminated due to not meeting SAP may have their financial aid eligibility reinstated by:

- Meeting the minimum SAP standards at the end of any subsequent semester.
- Submitting a successful Appeal.

Written notification will be provided to the student when eligibility has been re-established.

Responsibilities

The Financial Aid Director is responsible for ensuring students are maintaining SAP. Information used is provided by the Registrar's Office and Academic Affairs Office. Revisions to the SAP policy originate from the Academic Affairs Office. The Financial Aid Director bears the responsibility of ensuring any revisions comply with federal regulations.

Location of Information

Kentucky Mountain Bible College's official SAP policy is located in the Academic Catalog.

Date of Last Policy Update

The SAP policy was last updated in the 2018/19 Academic Catalog.