



Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy

It is each individual student's responsibility to read and adhere to the SAP policy. The policy is in place because the Higher Education Act of 1965 was amended with Program Integrity regulations passed on October 29, 2010 that mandate institutions of higher education to establish a standard of satisfactory academic progress for students who receive any Title IV federal state financial aid. The financial aid SAP policy should not be confused with Probation or Good Standing as defined by Middle Georgia State University (MGA) academic policies.

Certificate transfer work is subject to department approval. Any approved transfer work will be considered when calculating SAP eligibility.

Undergraduate Students are required to maintain an acceptable financial aid grade point average (GPA) as outlined on the table below. Financial aid GPA includes all credit hours attempted at MGA and all credit from previously attended institutions that are accepted as credit to MGA. Beginning Fall 2022, the minimum acceptable GPA is based on the number of semester hours attempted, including transfer hours. NOTE: Financial aid GPA may differ from your academic GPA. Grades not associated with quality points cannot be used to calculate financial aid GPA. They do, however, count as attempted hours.

31+	2.0

Graduate Students are required to maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA). Graduate transfer work is subject to department approval. Any approved transfer work will be considered when calculating SAP eligibility.

Quantitative (Pace) Component

Undergraduate Students enrolled at MGA must complete each semester progressed toward earning a degree attempted. Grades of A, B, C, D, P and S count as the successful completion of a course. V, WF, FA, I, IP, NR and I do not count as the successful completion of a course. Portium, repeated, and learning support count as attempted hours.

Review Process

At the end of the first enrolled semester, the Office of Financial Aid will determine whether the student has successfully satisfied the SAP requirements. Transfer students will have their status calculated at the entry of their first term of attendance and each term thereafter. This review will include all hours attempted during the student's attendance period at MGA, as well as transfer hours accepted as credit. If after this review a student is not making SAP according to qualitative or quantitative standards, their status will be changed to Warning. If a student is not meeting the SAP policy at the end of the first warning term, their aid will be suspended. Students do have the option to appeal to have aid reinstated. Students who become ineligible due to Maximum-Time Frame component will have their aid suspended and they will not be eligible to receive additional financial aid unless an appeal is submitted and approved.

Transfer Students

Transfer students will have their status calculated at the entry of their first term of attendance and each term thereafter. All hours accepted as credit to MGA will be included in the calculation for all components of Satisfactory Academic Progress. If the transfer student is not meeting SAP at the end of their first term, their aid will be suspended. Students do have the option to appeal their status to have their aid reinstated.

Learning Support

Only 30 attempted semester hours of remedial classes can be funded by Title IV. After 30 hours, those credits cannot be counted towards a student's enrollment status. Most state aid programs will not fund remedial coursework.

Financial Aid Suspension

Financial Aid Suspension means the termination of all financial aid until the student completes one of the following tasks:

