

# Dickinson College Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy

Dickinson College offers both federal and institutional financial aid. Eligibility for federal and institutional need-based financial aid is determined through the submission of the required documents (FAFSA, CSS Profile, federal tax returns, schedules, and W-2's) by the College's listed deadline dates. In addition to this, students must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) to continue receiving Title IV federal financial aid. Dickinson College follows the established Federal guidelines to determine SAP.

## FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID

The Financial Aid Office has established the following policies and procedures that fulfill the requirements in the Higher Education Act (HEA). All Dickinson College students receiving Title IV federal financial aid meet the criteria below regardless of whether they previously received federal financial aid.

Satisfactory Academic Progress standards must meet the following criteria:

- x The policy is at least as strict as the policy the institution applies to a student who is not receiving assistance under Title IV, HEA programs.
- x Provides consistent application of standards to all students within categories of students (full-time, part-time, undergraduate, graduate, and education programs established by the institution).
- x Academic progress must be evaluated annually, at minimum.
- x Include both quantitative (pace) and qualitative (grade) elements.
- x Provide specific procedures under which a student may appeal a determination that the student is not making satisfactory progress including documentation of extenuating circumstances
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FEDERAL PROGRAMS GOVERNED BY SAP:

- x Federal Pell Grant
- x Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (SEOG)
- x Federal WorkStudy (FWS)
- x Federal Direct Subsidized Loan
- x Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan
- x Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan for Undergraduate Student (Parent PLUS)

SAP COMPONENTS

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\*The award year begins with the fall semester and ends with the spring semester

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When calculating Grade Point Average (GPA) and credits attempted vs credits earned, the following conditions apply:

- x Transfer credits will be included in course credits attempted and earned. Grades received for these credits (transfer) will not be computed in the cumulative GPA.
- x Progress will be reviewed and the temporary grades (I, S, NG, X) have been replaced with an official grade.
- x Repeated courses will count as attempted

At this time, students may submit an appeal to be considered for reinstatement of federal financial aid on a probationary status of no more than one semester to resolve all deficiencies. Per federal regulations, only students with documented extenuated circumstances will be considered for an appeal.

All appeals must complete the Dickinson College Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal Form in its entirety. These will be received by the College's Financial Aid Appeals Committee. Once a determination is made, students will be notified.

