

FINANCIAL AID GOOD STANDING AND SATISFACTORY PROGRESS POLICY

Concordia University Wisconsin is required to establish and consistently apply standards of good standing and satisfactory progress to all students who receive funds from Title IV programs of federal financial assistance. These standards are applied to all students, in all levels, and in all programs, even to students in periods they are not receiving federal aid. This federal requirement is meant to ensure that only those students who make good progress toward their degree or certificate objective continue to receive financial assistance.

The following policies of good standing and satisfactory progress have an appeal procedure for use by anyone whose financial aid eligibility is terminated as a result of the Financial Aid Good Standing or Satisfactory Progress Policy. Those students affected will receive written notice of the appeal procedure which is detailed in Section E. Both standards of Good Standing and Satisfactory Academic Progress must be met in order for a student to continue receiving financial aid. No part of this policy has an effect on any student’s academic record either at this University or any other. Listed below is the financial aid Satisfactory Academic Progress policy, the academic Good Standing is located in the Academic Catalog.

- A. Good Standing:** A student enrolled in Concordia University Wisconsin is considered in good standing if allowed to continue in that degree or certificate program at Concordia University Wisconsin. Detailed information pertaining to the minimum academic requirements of the University can be obtained by referring to the appropriate section of the University’s catalog; this includes both GPA expectations and the maximum length of time to complete a degree for graduate programs. Students who are not in Good Standing with the University academic probationary policies are not eligible to attend Concordia or obtain financial aid.

- B. Satisfactory Academic Progress:** Satisfactory academic progress is defined as successfully completing cumulative course requirements for a minimum of 67% of the cumulative number credits attempted (this includes transfer credits that are being used towards a students program), thereby making it possible for a student to make good progress toward a degree or certificate objective. “Successfully completing course requirements” is interpreted to mean that a grade of at least D- or P is received by a student. Incompletes, withdrawals/no credits, and audits, are considered unsatisfactory. Students repeating a course will be evaluated on the basis of whether or not the class taken in the given term is passed. However, incompletes, which are later changed into a grade of at least D- or P are satisfactory for Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress policy purposes (please note that D- is only “satisfactory” by financial aid standards not by University academic standards). **It is the student’s responsibility to notify the Financial Aid Office of such changes to previously incomplete grades.** Progress is also calculated on the basis of, the student having a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better, this qualitative standard is reviewed again every term. Students repeating a course will have the lower grade omitted for cumulative calculations. Students in graduate programs (excluding the school of pharmacy) are required to have a cumulative GPA of 3.0.

- C. Normal Completion Time:** As a full time student, your eligibility for financial aid continues for a number of years equal to 150% of the normal completion time for the degree or certificate you are seeking to earn. This is tracked on the basis of the number of credits attempted. Transfer credits that are accepted, and used towards a degree, are included in the 150% criteria. The normal completion time for particular degrees or certificates are as follows (this is calculated in years, based on a student attending full time each term):

Doctorate in Physical Therapy	3 years	Bachelor’s Degree	
		Education	5 years
Master’s Degree	3 years	All other programs	4 years
Masters in Occupational Therapy	6 years		
		Certificate Programs	
		Lay Ministry	4 years
		Medical Assistant	1 year

- D. Financial Aid Eligibility Warning Statuses:** When a student does not successfully complete a minimum of 67% of cumulative credits earned versus attempted or does not have a CGPA of 2.0, financial aid eligibility status of “WARNING” is imposed. Aid automatically continues through one semester of financial aid eligibility status of “WARNING”. If a student does not make satisfactory progress during the semester of financial aid eligibility status of “WARNING”, or the student has reached the 150% of normal completion time, the student’s eligibility for financial aid in later semesters is terminated. Eligibility can be regained by raising the completion rate of credits attempted to 67% and CGPA to above 2.0, unless terminated for exceeding the 150% of normal completion time. The appeal procedure detailed in Section E exists for those students whose aid eligibility is terminated. Students in graduate programs (excluding the school of pharmacy) are required to have a cumulative GPA of 3.0.

- E. Appeal Procedure:** Upon receiving a completed Satisfactory Academic Progress appeal form from a student whose financial aid eligibility has been terminated according to the provisions of section D, the Director of Financial Aid may reinstate the student's eligibility. The appeal form will be sent to the students who were terminated, by official University delivery, and must be completed by the student and by the student's academic advisor. Students can only appeal this status under one of the following extraordinary circumstances; illness, injury, death of family member or close friend, short term hardship, change of academic major (for completion time extension), or other significant extraordinary circumstance. The appeal must also include evidence that the academic advisor believes that the student can be successful, as well as including a plan from the student detailing what the extraordinary circumstance(s) were/are and their plan to be successful in future terms. Completed appeal forms must be returned to the Financial Aid Office, and will be reviewed by the Director of Financial Aid, or their designee. The outcome of student's appeals will be sent via official University delivery. Students reinstated will be placed on Satisfactory Academic Progress "**Probation**", and if they do not meet the standards in the next term will be terminated again. In circumstances where a student has appealed and is unable to meet both the 67% completion rate and the 2.0 CGPA requirements for SAP the outcome of the appeal may include an academic plan. This plan which will be created from the SAP appeal process will outline specific criteria that a student must meet during the semesters that this plan covers. Students who do not meet these criteria will be SAP terminated. Students in graduate programs (excluding the school of pharmacy) are required to have a cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- F. Tracking Systems:** Those students placed on eligibility warning status or whose eligibility for aid has been terminated will have their progress tracked in the next semester. Once satisfactory progress is resumed, full eligibility for aid consideration will be reinstated and the student's name removed from the tracking system. A student's current SAP status is available for review at any time on their CUW portal account.

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