



# WALSH UNIVERSITY

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# SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS POLICY

The Financial Aid Office at Walsh University is required under Federal and State regulations to monitor the academic progress of all financial aid recipients. Failure to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) can affect a student's eligibility for financial aid. Both qualitative and quantitative standards must be applied when determining SAP. This policy has four parts. Each condition must be met to be eligible for financial aid.

### **Part I: Acceptable Passing Rate**

Each student must earn a passing grade in at least 67% of all courses attempted at Walsh University. A course is considered "attempted" if the student is enrolled in the course at the end of the "add-drop" period and does not withdraw. "F" (Failed) grades will be counted as hours attempted but not passed. "I" (Incomplete) coursework will be evaluated once a final grade is assessed.

*Examples:*

- *John Smith has attempted 30 credit hours during his first year at Walsh University. He would be expected to pass at least 20 (67%) of those credit hours.*
- *Mary Jones has been at Walsh for three years and has attempted a total of 90 credit hours. She would be expected to have passed at least 60 (67%) of her total credit hours attempted.*

### **Part II: Acceptable Grade Point Average (GPA)**

The GPA standards for financial aid eligibility are the same standards set forth by the University. Freshmen with a GPA below 1.75 and sophomores/juniors/seniors with a GPA below a 2.0 are placed in an Academic Probationary Status by the University. If the student does not successfully complete this Probationary Period, he/she is subject to academic dismissal or suspension, and if dismissed or suspended, will therefore be ineligible for financial aid. (For more details about Walsh University's Academic Standing Policy, please consult the Course Catalogue).

### **Part III: Time Limits**

Students cannot exceed 195 attempted hours and continue to receive financial aid. Transfer hours are included in the 195 attempted hours. Please note: State Aid is only available for a maximum of five years and Institutional Aid is limited to four years, regardless of whether or not the student has reached the 195 credit hour limit.

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#### **Part IV: Other Provisions**

Any student whose academic history shows a pattern of numerous withdrawals or repeated coursework may be regarded as ineligible for future financial aid.

If a student completes all coursework necessary for his/her degree but has not received a degree or certificate, the student cannot receive further financial aid.

SAP will be monitored annually, normally at the end of the spring term. *Students who fail to meet the standards outlined on the opposite side of this Policy Guide will not be eligible for future financial aid.* Students will be notified in writing if they do not meet SAP Guidelines and of any alternative financing options available to them.

**Exception: Students who do not meet the criteria listed in Part I of the SAP Policy will be granted a one-time probationary period in order to increase the percentage of their total hours completed. This probationary period will last for one academic year. If the criteria are not met by the end of that academic year, then the student will not be eligible for any future financial aid.**

Students who have lost their eligibility for financial aid due to SAP have a right to appeal and can do so by written notification to the Director of Financial Aid. All appeals must include substantive reasons for failure to comply with the SAP Policy, and all extenuating circumstances must be supported by documentation.

#### **Academic Scholarships and Awards**

In addition to meeting the previously-outlined SAP Guidelines, students who receive Walsh University Academic Scholarships/Awards must also maintain the following Grade Point Average (GPA) standards in order to continue their eligibility for these funds for the following year:

<u>Scholarship/Award Type</u>	<u>Minimum GPA</u>
Presidential Scholarship	3.5
Founder's Scholarship	3.5
Vanasse Scholarship	3.0
Deshayes Scholarship	3.0
Brothers of Christian Instruction Scholarship	2.5
Transfer Award Level I	2.5
Transfer Award Level II	2.0
La Mennais Scholarship	2.0
Farrell Award	2.0
Dean's Award	2.0
Walsh Award	2.0

If a student does not maintain the required GPA indicated above, they will be given a grace period of two semesters to raise his/her GPA to the required minimum. If the cumulative GPA does not increase to at least the required minimum after the end of the grace period, the scholarship or award will be adjusted.