



WALSH UNIVERSITY



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 are 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 and does not withdraw. "F" (Failed) grades will be counted as hours attempted but not passed. "I" (Incomplete) coursework cannot be counted as a successful completion. An Incomplete grade that has been changed to a passing grade can be added to the number of hours completed for the term of the original registration. Repeated courses can be counted only once if the course was previously passed, otherwise no limit is considered. Transfer hours accepted by Walsh University are considered in this ratio.

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 minimum GPA standards for financial aid eligibility must be equal to or higher than the standard set forth by Walsh University. Freshmen with a cumulative GPA below 1.75 and sophomores/juniors/seniors with a cumulative GPA below a 2.0 are placed in an Academic Probationary Status by the University, **however there is no automatic probationary period for financial aid eligibility.** The minimum cumulative GPA for graduate students is 3.0. During this academic probationary period, the student may continue to be enrolled, however he/she will not be eligible for financial aid unless the student submits an appeal and it is approved by the Financial Aid Office (please see next page for additional appeal information). GPA requirements for entering transfer students will be based on the number of transfer credits they carry with them from their prior institution. (For more details about Walsh University's Academic Standing Policy, please consult the Course Catalog).

Part III: Time Limits

Students cannot exceed 187 attempted hours and continue to receive financial aid toward their undergraduate degree. Transfer hours are included in the 187 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 187 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 in this Policy Guide will not be eligible for future financial aid.* Students will be notified in writing if they do not meet SAP Guidelines.

Appeals:

Students who have lost their eligibility for financial aid due to SAP have a right to appeal and can do so by contacting the Student Service Center. All appeals must include substantive reasons for failure to comply with the SAP Policy, and all extenuating circumstances should be supported by documentation whenever possible. Documentation should not only indicate the mitigating circumstance(s) that caused you to have academic difficulty, but also must clearly indicate that the circumstance that caused the situation has been rectified so that you will be successful in future terms. **Prior to submitting the appeal to the Student Service Center, the student must contact the Director of Academic Achievement for assistance in completing certain sections of the appeal form.**

If an appeal is approved, the student will be granted a probationary period of one semester in which to improve his/her grade point average and/or percentage of credit hours attempted versus completed. If it is apparent that the student cannot complete this within one term, an option may be given to the student to devise an "Action Plan" with an Academic Advisor.

Academic Scholarships and Awards Awarded by the University

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
Transfer Award Level III	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.