



# SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP)

In order to stay in good standing for financial aid, there are three standards that students must meet each term (fall, spring and summer).



## 1

### GPA

Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.

*Courses lower than 100 level are not calculated in the GPA.*

Up until you've completed 34 credit hours, you are allowed to have a GPA lower than 2.0. You must maintain the following minimum GPA:

CUMULATIVE HOURS	MINIMUM GPA
1-11	1.50
12-22	1.70
23-33	1.85
34 or more	2.00

## 2

### COURSE COMPLETION

Complete 2/3 (66.67%) of your classes each semester.

Students must successfully complete a cumulative minimum of 66.67% of all credit hours.

Grades of A, B, C, D and P are considered successful completion for 100 level or higher courses. A grade of A, B, C or P is considered successful completion for developmental courses. Grades of I, W, WP, WF, SP, RP and F are not considered successful completion.

## 3

### MAX CREDIT HOURS

There's a limit on how much financial aid you can receive.

Students may receive financial aid up to 150% of the length of their academic program. All credit hours are included except for up to 30 developmental credit hours. Examples:

HOURS REQUIRED FOR PROGRAMS	MAXIMUM HOURS ALLOWED
30	45
60	90
72	108



## PROGRAMS COVERED

These policies apply to all federal and state financial aid programs, including:

- Federal PELL Grant
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)
- Federal Work Study
- Federal Direct Student & Parent Loans
- Illinois Monetary Award Program

## COURSES INCLUDED

We are required to include all credit hours on your LLCC transcript including:

- Those financial aid did not pay for
- Those forgiven by the LLCC academic renewal policy
- Dual credit hours
- Repeats (not counted for GPA)
- Transfer credits from another institution that are accepted toward completion of a student's program at LLCC
- All developmental hours except for MAT 081/082
- All credit hours attempted in previous academic programs at LLCC

## COURSES NOT INCLUDED

Vocational studies (for example, prefixes ABE, ASE, AHH, AIT, BPS, NUR, OIT), continuing education courses and audit courses.

## REPEATS

Once a passing grade is received (see Course Completion section for passing grades), students may receive aid for the course one more time.

## STUDENTS WITH DEGREES

Students who have already completed an associates degree or higher are no longer eligible for financial aid. Students with degrees may appeal.

## FINANCIAL AID STATUSES

### Financial Aid Eligible Status (Ok)

You're doing great. Keep it up!

### Warning Status

Students who do not meet the standards. May continue to receive aid if otherwise eligible.

### Suspension Status

Students previously in Warning Status who do not meet the standards or are on Probation Status and do not meet the terms of their probation. Not eligible to receive financial aid, including loans (See Financial Aid Appeal)

### Maximum Time Frame Status

Students who at any time exceed the Maximum Time Frame Status (150%) or earn a degree will no longer be eligible for financial aid, including loans. Note that students exceeding the Maximum Time Frame Status may lose financial aid eligibility without benefit of a warning term. (See Financial Aid Appeal)

### Probation Status

Students who have an appeal granted are placed in Probation Status and eligible for financial aid for one semester. If after that semester the student does not meet the terms of the probation, they become ineligible for financial aid.

## FINANCIAL AID APPEAL

Students who are in suspension status, exceeded the maximum time frame or earned a degree may appeal their eligibility for aid based on circumstances beyond a student's control, such as death of a relative, serious injury or lengthy illness.

Students will be notified of the SAP Appeals Committee's decision within seven days of the submission of a complete appeal. Students may have to pay tuition, fees and books out of pocket while awaiting the outcome of the appeal. The decision of the SAP Appeals Committee is final.

Students on suspension may also earn their way back to good standing by attaining a cumulative 2.0 GPA and 66.67% completion rate.

## NOTIFICATION

We evaluate progress at the end of summer, fall and spring semesters. LLCC Financial Aid will notify you when you are in warning, suspension and/or maximum time frame and probation status. However, it's the student's responsibility to know their status and if eligible for financial aid. Students can view their SAP status on Logger Central.

## NOTICE

The SAP policy is subject to change without notice to comply with federal or state regulations or the LLCC Board Policy.