

The University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) is committed to ensuring students' academic success. The Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended requires UALR to establish a policy that will enforce academic progress standards to ensure students receiving federal financial aid are making timely progress to complete their intended program of study.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

Academic records will be reviewed after each period of enrollment (fall, spring, and summer) to confirm that students are making satisfactory academic progress. All student records will be reviewed. Federal financial aid recipients will be notified by letter if any of the following three academic progress standards of GPA, progress completion, and time frame are not met.

Requirement #1: Pace of Progression (required credit hour completion)

Students must successfully complete 67% of UALR Overall attempted credit hours (including accepted transfer hours) to stay on pace to complete their degree. The formula used to monitor the pace is below:

$$\left(\frac{\text{\# of Overall Earned Credit Hours}}{\text{\# of UALR Overall Attempted Credit Hours} + \text{Transfer Hours Accepted by UALR}} \right) \times 100$$

❖ Please see important notes below regarding credit

Requirement #2: Maximum Time Frame

Classification	Maximum of Credit Hours Attempted/Earned
Undergraduate	186
Post-Baccalaureate	45
Graduate	45
Doctoral	135
Law	90

Note: maximum time frame defines the maximum credit hour totals that stop financial aid eligibility.

Requirement #3: Grade Point Average

Classification	Required Cumulative UALR GPA
Undergraduate and Post-Baccalaureate	2.00
Graduate and Doctoral	3.00
Law	2.30

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Incomplete grades, withdrawals, no credits, and missing grades count the same as an "F" grade earned in class when evaluating hour completion.
- Developmental courses will count in attempted and earned credit hours, but will not calculate into the GPA.
- In accordance with UALR's repeated course policy for all undergraduates, all attempted credit hours will be considered in calculating the attempted and earned hours. Please refer to the following policy on repeated courses: <http://ualr.edu/policy/index.php/repeated-courses>
- Transfer credit hours accepted by UALR will be included in calculating both cumulative attempted credit hours and cumulative earned credit hours

STUDENT ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP) FAILURES

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Warning:

If a student fails to meet SAP standards*, an academic warning will be given. Federal financial aid eligibility will continue for one additional semester. The student should plan carefully how to improve academic performance and meet the standards by the end of the next semester.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Cancellation:

If a student fails to meet SAP standards after the second consecutive semester, all future federal financial aid will be canceled.

*There is no warning status for students who have exceeded the maximum timeframe, regardless of their pace of progression or cumulative GPA. Once the maximum number of credit hours attempted/earned has been reached, all future federal financial aid will be canceled.

STUDENT ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP) APPEALS

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Appeal:

A student may appeal cancellation of financial aid eligibility. The appeal must be typewritten and include appropriate documentation to explain:

- 1) Why the student failed to meet SAP standards;
- 2) What has changed that will allow standards to be met in the next semester; and
- 3) How the student will complete academic studies by submitting a current copy of the student's degree plan, signed by the student's advisor.

The appeal will be reviewed by the UALR Financial Aid Appeals Committee. The committee's decision will be to either approve or deny the appeal. The decision is final and may not be appealed.

If the appeal is approved, it will be approved with either probation or an academic plan:

PROBATION—

The student will be able to meet SAP standards by the end of the next semester.

ACADEMIC PLAN—

The student will be given an academic plan with the requirement to meet SAP standards by a specific point in time.

- The Financial Aid Appeals Committee will create the academic plan in complement with the student's degree plan.
- The academic plan will be customized for each student. The plan will include performance standards for successful completion of the student's course of study.
- Adherence to the academic plan will be monitored at the end of each semester.

REGAINING ELIGIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL AID

To regain financial aid eligibility after SAP cancellation, a student must meet all of the following:

- 1) Complete at least 67% of the attempted cumulative hours as calculated;
- 2) Not exceed the maximum time frame;
- 3) Achieve the required UALR cumulative GPA.

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