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 if any of the three academic progress standards of pace of progression, maximum time frame, and cumulative grade point average are not met.

*Law school students will be evaluated only once each academic year, in August.

### 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:

\[
\frac{\text{# of Overall Earned Credit Hours}}{\text{# of UALR Overall Attempted Credit Hours} + \text{Transfer Hours Accepted by UALR}} \times 100
\]

*Please see important notes below regarding credit hours*

### Requirement #2: Maximum Time Frame

Maximum time frame defines the total number of attempted/earned credit hours that stop financial aid eligibility.

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**Students enrolled in a graduate degree program which requires more than 45 credit hours will be evaluated each semester for progress toward degree.**

### Requirement #3: Grade Point Average (GPA)

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**IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- Incomplete grades, withdrawals, no credits, and missing grades count the same as an “F” grade earned in a 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.
- Repeated coursework may not be eligible for federal aid funds.
- Transfer credit hours accepted by UALR will be included in calculating both cumulative attempted credit hours and cumulative earned credit hours.
SATISFACTORY 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 create a plan for improving academic performance and for meeting SAP standards by the end of the next semester of enrollment. Students are encouraged to meet with their academic advisor for assistance.

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.

*Please note the following two exceptions to the SAP Warning status:
1. 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.
2. Academic Progress for Law Students is evaluated annually in August. Law Students who fail to meet satisfactory academic progress standards at the time of evaluation will be ineligible for federal aid for future semesters. No warning status will be given.

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP) APPEALS

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Appeal:
A student with extenuating circumstances may appeal cancellation of financial aid eligibility. The appeal must be typewritten and include appropriate documentation to explain and verify:
1) The exceptional circumstances that caused the failure to meet SAP standards;
2) What has changed that will allow SAP standards to be met in the next semester of enrollment; and
3) How the student will complete academic studies by submitting a copy of the student’s degree plan.
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.
• The student will receive one additional semester of financial aid eligibility.
• Failure to meet SAP standards at the end of the probation semester will result in cancellation of financial aid.

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.
• Students who successfully complete the academic plan requirements each term will continue to be eligible for federal financial aid and may remain on the plan until they achieve minimum SAP standards.

REGAINING ELIGIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL AID

To regain financial aid eligibility after SAP cancellation, a student must meet all of the following criteria:
1) Not exceed the maximum time frame;
2) Complete at least 67% of the attempted cumulative hours as calculated; and
3) Achieve the required UALR cumulative GPA.

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