

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Overview for Federal and State Aid

SAP for *federal* financial aid purposes has three required components:

- 1) Students must successfully earn at least 67% of all credits attempted on a cumulative basis. (All periods of enrollment are counted—this includes transfer credits, withdrawals, and failed classes).
- 2) Students must remain in “good academic standing,” as described in the Clarion University catalog. Typically, undergraduates must maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) and graduate students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- 3) Students must complete their degree program within 150% of the published length of their program. In other words, a student loses his/her federal aid eligibility within a bachelor’s degree which requires 120 credits when the student earns or attempts more than 180 credits.

Please note that federal financial aid includes PELL, SEOG, and TEACH grants, federal direct Stafford loans, PLUS loans, Perkins loans, and federal work study.

SAP for *state* financial aid (PHEAA Grant) purposes requires the following:

- 1) Full-time students (12+ credits) must earn at least 12 credits per semester.
- 2) Part-time students (6-11 credits) must earn at least 6 credits per semester.

SAP is checked at the end of the spring semester. Students who have not made satisfactory academic progress for financial aid purposes are notified in early summer, via their Clarion University student email accounts.

Additional information regarding Clarion University’s Academic Progress Policy is available at www.clarion.edu/sappolicy.