Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy

Document Number: FINA-0003 **Date Published(sys):** 7/8/2021

General Description

Policy Summary:

Federal and state regulations as well as University policy require that students make adequate progress toward completion of their degree in order to maintain eligibility for Financial Aid. Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) is monitored annually by the Office of Financial Aid at the end of the academic year.

Policy Content

Quality Standard

Maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA

Quantity Standard

Demonstrate successful completion of at least 75% of all attempted credit hours. Pace of completion is measured by dividing the cumulative number of hours the student has successfully completed by the cumulative number of hours the student has attempted, including transfer credits accepted by Trinity.

Maximum Timeframe

Receipt of institutional aid and state aid is limited to a maximum of 8 semesters while federal aid may be received for a maximum of 12 semesters. Students who complete degree requirements in less than 8 semesters are no longer eligible to receive aid.

Note: Recipients of merit-based scholarships must meet the cumulative GPA specific to the scholarship as well as any other applicable renewal criteria.

Students who fail to demonstrate progress are considered ineligible for future financial assistance and will receive written notification of such from the Office of Financial Aid; although it is expected that student's monitor their academic progress and eligibility status as well. Understanding that academic

performance can be impacted by extenuating circumstances, an appeal process exists allowing students to petition for the opportunity to receive aid in a probationary status.

SAP Appeals MUST:

Be made in writing and include an explanation of the circumstances which prevented satisfactory academic progress
Include an academic plan that, if followed, will ensure the student is able to meet the standards by a specific point in time
Be received by the Office of Financial Aid no later than August 1st

If an appeal is approved, students will be declared eligible to receive aid in a probationary status with the understanding that SAP standards will be met within a specified timeframe.

NOTE: Students may appeal for a probationary period only once during their enrollment at Trinity.

Revision Management

Revision History Log:

Revision #:	Date:	Recorded By:
v1.0	8/6/2019 10:43 AM	Christina Pikla

Vice President Approval:

Enter Vice President(s) that are responsible for approving this document

Name:	Title:
Eric Maloof	Vice President for Enrollment Management