

DENISON

UNIVERSITY

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS AND GOOD STANDING POLICY

To be eligible to receive federal, state and institutional financial aid and to continue to receive that aid a student must maintain satisfactory academic progress toward the completion of his/her degree. That student must also be considered to be in good standing.

I. SATISFACTORY PROGRESS

A full-time student is defined as one who is enrolled for at least 12 semester credits. A student must be enrolled full-time to receive any type of Denison and/or state financial aid. A student must be enrolled at least half-time (6 credit hours) to receive federal financial aid. **NOTE: Full-time enrollment cannot include courses that have been taken and passed at Denison but are being repeated for a higher grade.**

Satisfactory progress is determined at the end of the academic year. To maintain satisfactory progress, a full-time student must earn:

	after 1 semester	12 credit hours
	after 2 semesters	24 credit hours
	after 3 semesters	40 credit hours
TABLE I	after 4 semesters	56 credit hours
	after 5 semesters	72 credit hours
	after 6 semesters	88 credit hours
	after 7 semesters	107 credit hours
	Graduation requirements	127 credit hours

For the purpose of financial aid, half-time enrollment is defined as 6 - 8 credits; three-quarter time enrollment is defined as 9 - 11 credits. Satisfactory progress for half-time students is the completion of one-half the credits for full-time students; for three-quarter time students the requirement is three-quarter of the credits for full-time students.

The Registrar will evaluate all credits for incoming transfer students. On the basis of that evaluation, the number of semesters of financial aid eligibility will be determined according to the following table:

	# of Transfer Hours	# of Semesters of Aid Eligibility
	less than 16	8
	16 to 32	7
TABLE II	33 to 48	6
	49 to 64	5
	more than 64	4

International transfer students who have not previously attended college in the U.S. will be eligible for a minimum of 6 semesters of financial aid.

Table II will also be used to determine the number of semesters of financial aid available to students changing from part-time to full-time status. Beginning at this point, students will be expected to make satisfactory progress in accordance with Table I.

A student who is deficient in credits for satisfactory progress at the end of the academic year will have a standard financial aid package for one succeeding academic year only and will be considered to be on satisfactory progress probation. Students who are deficient in credit hours will not be eligible to take Denison funds on off-campus programs. **Students not making satisfactory progress after the academic year of satisfactory progress probation will not be eligible for any financial aid.** If the student completes the necessary number of credit hours during that year at Denison or at another college, the student will again be considered to be making satisfactory progress and be eligible for financial aid after Satisfactory Progress is reinstated.

II. GOOD STANDING

Students with a cumulative grade point average below 2.0 after four semesters at Denison will not be eligible to receive any financial aid. In order for your financial aid to be reinstated, you must raise your cumulative GPA by taking additional course work at Denison University without receiving financial aid. An appeal for a waiver of this regulation may be made to the Financial Aid Appeals Committee if the student has undergone undue hardship resulting from the death of a relative of the student, an injury or illness of the student, or other special circumstances.

Note: Transfer credits received during an off-campus program do not count in the calculation of the cumulative GPA, but they are included in the calculation of both attempted and earned hours.

III. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

MEDICAL WITHDRAWAL POLICY:

Students who are granted a medical withdrawal by the Office of Student Affairs will be eligible for a ninth semester of financial aid. This financial aid package will be adjusted from the norm by the federally mandated loan proration, if applicable.

MONITOR:

At the end of each semester, the Financial Aid Office will monitor the cumulative GPA's for all students receiving financial aid. The cumulative number of credits earned for each student will be monitored at the end of each academic year.

At the end of the fall semester, the Financial Aid Office will monitor those students who were not making satisfactory progress at the end of the preceding spring semester. Juniors and Seniors who have regained good standing/satisfactory progress will be funded for spring semester as funds permit.

At the end of the fall semester, the Financial Aid Office will also monitor all freshmen and sophomores on financial aid in order to alert them to the consequences of not achieving good standing and satisfactory progress by the end of the sophomore year.

APPEAL:

Students wishing to appeal their Satisfactory Academic Progress status may file a written petition to the Financial Aid Appeals Committee. This appeal should be mailed to the Financial Aid Office.

LIMITS OF TIME:

Students failing to complete a degree program in eight semesters of attendance shall be ineligible for institutional financial aid. Eligibility for federal financial aid ceases after twelve semesters.