



## SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS 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 by maintaining a cumulative 2.0 GPA in addition to earning the required number of hours after each semester of attendance.

The following table provides the required pace of hours that must be earned in addition to maintaining at least a cumulative 2.0 GPA for students to be making satisfactory academic progress:

Table 1

Cumulative # of Attempted Hours	< 24	25-33	34-48	49-64	65-80	81-96	97-112	112-127
Required % of Hours to be earned	50%	75%	83%	88%	90%	92%	96%	100%

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. Table I will also be used to determine the number of semesters of financial aid available to students changing from part-time to full-time status. A cumulative GPA of 2.0 must also be maintained to be making satisfactory academic progress.

The Registrar will evaluate all credits for incoming transfer students to determine what hours can be accepted toward a student’s education program. On the basis of that evaluation, the number of semesters of financial aid eligibility for students will be determined according to Table 1 above. At the end of each semester, the Financial Aid Office will monitor the cumulative GPAs and academic progress for all students receiving financial aid.

### WARNING

For the first time a student fails to achieve the 2.0 gpa\* AND/OR is deficient in credits for satisfactory progress (prior to the fifth semester of attendance), the student will sent a letter of warning. The student is automatically given aid for one more payment period and is warned that he or she must achieve satisfactory academic progress for both the gpa and to earn the required number of hours during for the warning payment period or financial aid will be denied for the next payment period.

*\*Note: Federal regulations require a student in a program that is at least 4 years in length to have achieved the equivalent of a C average after the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of attendance. If a student fails to achieve a 2.0 gpa (C average for Denison) for any semester after the 4<sup>th</sup> semester of attendance at Denison, he or she is automatically denied any additional federal aid. If a student is eligible to submit an appeal, information about this process will be provided in the letter of aid denial to the student. A student must take course work at Denison University to raise the cumulative GPA.*

## **PROBATION**

If a student fails to have a cumulative 2.0 GPA AND/OR is still deficient in credits for satisfactory progress after the semester for which a student received a warning, the student is denied aid for the next payment period. If a student is eligible to submit an appeal, information about this process will be provided in the letter of aid denial to the student. If the student's appeal for additional aid is approved by the University and the student is put on probation, the aid is reinstated for only one additional payment period. If the student fails to achieve satisfactory academic progress after the probation period, the student is not eligible for any additional aid at Denison until the student can resolve the academic deficiencies at Denison that reinstates satisfactory academic progress for the student.

## **APPEALS**

An appeal from a student 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. The appeal letter must include information about why the student failed to make satisfactory academic progress and what has changed in the student's situation that would allow the student to demonstrate satisfactory academic progress at the next evaluation by the University. Appeals from students not received by the prescribed deadline may not be reviewed.

## **GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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.*

## **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. Students with subsequent medical withdrawals will not be granted additional semesters of aid.

## **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.

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.