



SOUTHWESTERN

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Financial Aid

Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy

In order to avoid having your aid suspended, you must:

- Maintain a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) every term.
- Complete required credits successfully each term (see chart below).
- Register for and complete only the credits required for your declared degree (including required remedial and pre-requisite courses).
- Have a cumulative GPA of a 2.0, or higher, by the end of your first academic year.

If you are enrolled in:	You must complete with a 2.00 or higher GPA:
17 - 18 credits	12 or more credits
16 credits	11 or more credits
14 - 15 credits	10 or more credits
13 credits	9 or more credits
11 - 12 credits	8 or more credits
10 credits	7 or more credits
8 - 9 credits	6 or more credits
7 credits	5 or more credits
5 - 6 credits	4 or more credits
4 credits	3 or more credits
3 credits	2 or more credits
1 - 2 credits	All of the credits

Aid Statuses

- **Warning status** – This is the status you will receive the first time you fail to meet the standards above. You are still able to receive aid but **must** successfully complete the next term. Failure to do so will result in suspension.
- **Suspension status** – This is the status you will receive if you fail to meet the standards for a consecutive term. You are **not eligible** to receive financial aid funds. You have the right to submit a Request for Reinstatement or Extension of Eligibility appeal.
- **Probation status** – If your Request for Reinstatement or Extension of Eligibility appeal is approved (which will include special conditions you must follow to continue receiving aid), you will be granted a probation status for the term after the appeal.

Qualitative Requirements (GPA)

- Must earn a 2.0 or greater GPA every term **and** have cumulative 2.0 GPA, or better, after 1 academic year
- Your GPA will be reviewed at the end of every term
- Successful grades: A, B, C, D, IB, IC, ID, P, and S. You can repeat once for a better grade.
- Unsuccessful grades: F, U, W, X, Y, Z and IF. Can be repeated until successful.

Quantitative Requirements (Timeline)

- Should complete all credits attempted each term
- Reviewed by the financial aid office at the end of each term
- Must complete degree within the maximum timeframe (135 credits for a 90-credit degree and 68 credits for a 45-credit certificate). All attempted credits (including repeat & transferred courses) are counted toward your timeframe.
- If it is determined that you cannot graduate within the maximum timeframe, you will become ineligible for financial aid and be notified immediately.

Additional Information

- You are only eligible to receive financial aid for up to 45 credits of developmental courses. This includes coursework taken at all colleges. There is no appeal process to extend this limit.
- You may change your major one time. A second change will require an Extension of Eligibility appeal.
- If you have already earned a degree, you will need to file an Extension of Eligibility appeal. If you already have a degree or have nearly met the degree requirements of another program and want to pursue pre-nursing, an appeal will not be considered until you are admitted into the Nursing program.
- Coursework taken at another institution that is officially transcribed does counts toward the 150% maximum.
- GPAs from other schools are not considered in Southwestern's financial aid satisfactory academic progress policy.
- Your prior use, or lack of use, of financial aid is not a factor in our reviewing your future eligibility.
- No more than two suspensions are allowed.
- Petitions and appeals must be submitted prior to the end of the term in which you expect to receive aid.
- The academic standards of Southwestern are separate from this financial aid policy and are noted as the Academic Notification System in the catalog each year.
- Faculty and staff (other than financial aid staff) are not required to know financial aid policies.
- The Satisfactory Academic Progress policy is subject to change.

Your Right to Appeal

- To resolve your financial aid Suspension Status, you will need to submit a petition. The forms are available online at www.socc.edu/financialaid/forms.
 - Use the Request for Reinstatement form for GPA and/or term credit completion deficiencies.
 - Use the Extension of Eligibility form for timeline, major change, second major, dual major and/or transfer credit requests.
- If the appeal is approved, you will be reinstated to Probation Status for the next term. At the end of your probation term, you must meet the satisfactory academic progress requirements. If you do not, you will be back on suspension.
- If your appeal is denied, you will be notified with the number of credits you must complete successfully in order to be reinstated. These courses must be completed without financial aid and must apply toward your declared degree, be a pre-requisite or a necessary developmental course.

Census Date Information

The census dates are listed below for each term. This is the date that your enrollment status will be determined for all federal grant aid.

Summer Term 2022	June 29, 2022
Fall Term 2022	September 21, 2022

Winter Term 2023	January 11, 2023
Spring Term 2023	April 5, 2023

- If you add a class after this date, it will not be considered in your enrollment status for financial aid. There is no appeal for this, and you will be responsible for the charges.
- If you are on a waitlist, those credits are not included in your enrollment status. You must add the class before the date above or choose a different class.
- Remember, only classes that are required by your declared major will be included in your enrollment status.

Return of Financial Aid Funds

If you withdraw or audit all of your courses during the term, we are required to determine if any of the federal financial aid you received should be returned. Federal financial aid is based on the length of time you are in classes, so if you do not attend the entire term, you may be required to return all or a portion of the aid you received.

Students who attend more than 60 percent of the term are considered to have earned 100 percent of the federal aid received in the term. Please note Southwestern's policy online: <http://www.socc.edu/financialaid/policies>.