



COMPTON COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE
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Satisfactory Academic Progress

Financial aid is designed to help you reach your educational goal in a timely manner. To be eligible for financial aid, you must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards. The Financial Aid office at Compton College has established guidelines (based on federal regulations) for evaluating your progress. You should read the rules and know what it takes to maintain eligibility for financial aid.

The Office of Financial Aid uses the following three standards to assess academic progress.

Note: The financial aid Satisfactory Academic Progress standards are different than the college's progress rules.

1. Quantitative or Pace

You are expected to complete your educational goal in a timely manner and at a satisfactory pace even if you did not receive financial aid. All terms that you are enrolled in at Compton College and other colleges will be considered in the Satisfactory Academic Progress calculation. Repeating a course for a better grade will not satisfy academic progress requirements.

Students are required to complete at least 67% of attempted units each term.

2 - Qualitative

Minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) to be Maintained

To complete an educational goal in a timely manner, you must achieve a minimum 2.0 grade point average (GPA) at the end of each term.

3 - Timely Manner

Financial Aid is not infinite. This standard looks at how long it will take you to complete your program educational goal. Federal regulations state that you can receive financial aid for no more than 150% attempted units in your program of enrollment.

- **Example:** A 2-year programs 150% rule would give a student 6 full-time semesters or the equivalent to complete their program of study.
- **Example:** A certificate program with a published length of time is 30 units, the 150% time frame mark would be 45 units. This also includes all attempted and transfer units.
- Up to 30 units of basic skills (400-level) courses are excluded from the 150%. However, students are expected to matriculate from basic skills to a regular program after one (equivalent) year.

The Office of Financial Aid will determine how long you have been in an undergraduate program or certificate program as well as the time required to complete your goal. Each time a course is repeated, it will count in the time frame calculation.

- **Example:** At Compton College, students will be notified that they have exceeded the time frame at 90 attempted units because normal matriculation time to complete an AA/AS degree goal is two years. However, if there are exceptional circumstances presented a Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal may be submitted.

Your Academic Progress Status

Definitions of the various statuses you can fall into based on your academic status

Good

You are meeting the Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards. Great Job! Keep up the good work!

Warning

The school assigns this status to a student who is failing to meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). The school reinstates eligibility for aid for one payment period and may do so without a student appeal. SAP is reviewed at the end of each term. If a student fails to meet SAP standards after the term they are in a warning status the student is "Disqualified" for the following term. You will receive student financial aid funds during the warning period provided your eligibility and enrollment status is unchanged but you are in *danger of losing your financial aid eligibility*.

Disqualification

Disqualification occurs when a student who has been placed on "Warning" fails to make SAP. When Disqualified, you lose your financial aid eligibility due to not meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards.

150MAX

A student will be placed in 150MAX status if they have:

1. Completed a Certificate Program or Exceeded the Time Frame of the Certificate Program (Ex. 18 units x 150% = 27 units Attempted)
2. Attempted more than 90 units

When in 150MAX status you are no longer eligible for financial aid.

Appeal

If you are found to be ineligible for financial aid, you may complete and submit via your MyCompton portal, a Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal in order to be reconsidered for Financial Aid.

The Appeal must include the following:

1. Compton College Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal
2. Documentation to support exceptional/extenuating circumstances that were beyond your control.

3. A statement explaining what exceptional/extenuating circumstances prevented you from reaching your educational goal, how the exceptional/extenuating circumstance has been resolved, and how long it will take you to complete that goal.
4. Your most recent Student Educational Plan which documents the length of time remaining in completing your educational goal at Compton College.

The Appeal committee will use regulatory guidelines set by the Department of Education and institutional policy to review Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements to determine a student's eligibility for Student Financial Aid. The decision made by the Appeals Committee will be final and there will be no further appeals.

Examples of extenuating circumstances: Medical Issues/Hospitalization, medical conditions, death of immediate family member(s), military service, loss of job/home.

Appeal Approved on Probation

If your appeal is approved on conditions, you must meet all conditions listed in order to remain eligible. If you fail to meet the terms of those conditions, you will be Disqualified.