

**STANDARDS OF SATISFACTORY PROGRESS  
MINIMUM STANDARDS & PRACTICES  
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS OF STUDENTS RECEIVING  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Troy University is required by Sec. 484(c) of the Higher Education Act 1965, as amended to establish Standards of Satisfactory Progress for students receiving assistance through Title IV programs (Pell, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal Work-Study, State Grant, Perkins Loans, and Family Federal Student Loan Programs.) Troy University has adopted the following as its official policy governing a regular student's satisfactory progress. Satisfactory progress is not to be confused with "good standing".

**Complete 80% of your course work and maintain a cumulative undergraduate 2.0 or graduate 3.0 grade point average**

To receive Perkins Loan, Stafford Loan, Plus Loan, Pell Grant, Work-Study, State, or Supplemental Grant Funds, a student must be making "satisfactory progress" toward completing his/her academic program. For purposes of this standard, the student must maintain a 2.0 overall grade point average for undergraduates/3.0 for graduate students and successfully completed 80% of all hours attempted. This measure begins for the undergraduate student at the end of the first year and begins immediately for graduate students; this standard is measured annually. (Hours attempted include repeated courses, dropped courses, withdrawals, and incompletes.)

**Maximum eligibility is 150% of program length**

In addition to the above measures, the maximum length of a student's program may not exceed 150% of the minimum length required to complete the program. However, if at any point it's determined the student will not be able to meet the 150% time frame by graduation, the student becomes ineligible for federal aid (example: a student has already attempted 170 hours and is in a program that has a 180 hours maximum program, but still has 30 hours left to complete the degree. The student will not be eligible for federal aid because the student can not mathematically finish the program in 180 hours.) The academic records office according to the published standards in the University Bulletin establishes the length of each program. Courses, which transfer from another post-secondary institution, will reduce the time frame accordingly.

Examples: (1) If your degree is a 120 hour degree:  $120 \times 150\% = 180$  hours maximum time frame. You are eligible for only the first 180 hours of attendance. (2) If you transfer and bring 70 hours credit into a 120 hour degree program:  $120 \times 150\% = 180 - 70 = 110$  hours maximum time allowed for degree funding.

**Second Degree Issues**

Students who are working toward a degree level which they have already completed (AS,

BS, MS, etc.) or who are working toward a degree which is lower than the one they hold, will have their maximum length of program established at no more than 100% of the normal time frame minus any credits, which transfer from any post-secondary institution. However, if at any point it's determined the student will not be able to meet the 100% time frame by graduation, the student becomes ineligible for federal aid (example: a student is working on a 2nd degree and has dropped, withdrawn after the free drop/add, or taken another class that does not pertain to the 2nd degree. The student will not be eligible for federal aid because the student can not mathematically finish the program.) Students will not be eligible for federal aid when seeking another degree above the second degree which is already attained. For example: Students will not be eligible for federal aid if working on a 3rd master's degree.

### **Notification and Reinstatement**

A student who is notified of his/her ineligibility for financial aid funds due to failure to meet these standards may submit a written letter of appeal for reinstatement. The written letter of appeal must state the basis for the appeal and include a copy of his/her current academic transcript along with supporting information.

The professional financial aid office staff will review each appeal and respond to the student in writing stating the reason for reinstatement or upholding the denial of financial aid.