

**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 coursework and maintain a cumulative undergraduate 2.0 or graduate 3.0

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 **undergraduate student must maintain a 2.0** overall grade point average/**3.0 for graduate students** and must successfully **complete 80% of all hours attempted**. This standard begins, for undergraduates at the end of the first academic year and begins immediately for graduate students; this standard is measured annually. (Hours attempted include repeated courses, dropped courses, withdrawals, and incompletes.)

Maximum length of time of eligibility is 150% of program

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**. 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.

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.