



## The University of Toledo - Main Campus Policy

### **IV-3 Policy on Satisfactory Academic Progress for Recipients of Federal Financial Aid**

Federal Regulations require that the University of Toledo review, at least annually, the academic progress of students who apply for and/or receive federal financial assistance. This regulation applies to all applicants whether or not financial aid has been received previously.

#### **Programs Affected**

- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
- Federal Work Study
- Federal Perkins Loan
- Federal Direct Stafford Loans, Subsidized & Unsubsidized
- Federal Direct PLUS Loan

#### **Minimum Hours to be Completed**

Every student must successfully complete a minimum of 67% of the hours attempted at the University. Summer credits will be added to the previous academic year's work.

The total number of hours attempted will be determined as of the fifteenth day of class each semester.

A credit course is completed when a student earns a grade of A, B, C, D, PS, F, and NC. Grades of I, NC, W, IW, and PR do not indicate a successfully completed course.

Students taking developmental courses only or a combination of developmental courses and regular courses may successfully complete 67% of the total class schedule. Only grades of PS are acceptable for developmental courses.

Federal financial aid will pay no more than 30 credit hours of developmental courses.

Satisfactory academic progress reviews will normally be conducted at the end of the spring semester.

## **Required Grade Point Average (GPA)**

Your accumulative grade point average must be equal to, or higher than, the standards established by the University. These requirements are:

### Baccalaureate Degree - Seeking Students

- Students who have attempted 0-29 credits must have a cumulative grade point average of 1.50
- Students who have attempted 30-45 credits must have a cumulative grade point average of 1.7
- Students who have attempted 46-59 credits must have a cumulative grade point average of 1.80
- Students who have attempted 60+ credits must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.00

### Community & Technical College Students

- Students who have attempted 0-15 credits must have cumulative grade point average of 1.00
- Students who have attempted 16-29 credits must have a cumulative grade point average of 1.50
- Students who have attempted 30+ credits must have cumulative grade point average of 2.00

## **Graduate and College of Law Students**

Students will generally remain eligible to receive financial aid as long as they are eligible to continue to register for classes. However, all students are expected to complete 67% of the credit hours they attempt in order to maintain eligibility.

## **Calculating Remaining Eligibility**

Each semester of attempted enrollment translates into a percentage:

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| Full Time          | = 100% |
| Three Quarter Time | = 75%  |
| Half Time          | = 50%  |

Less than 1/2 Time = 25%

If you are accepted into a four-year baccalaureate degree program, you have the equivalent of 12 full-time semesters in which to complete your degree. For example, suppose you enrolled according to the following schedule:

| <u>Semester</u> | <u>Enrollment Status</u> | <u>Percentage</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Fall 92         | Half time                | .50               |
| Spr 93          | Full time                | 1.00              |
| Sum 93          | Half time                | .50               |
| Fall 93         | Half time                | .50               |
| Spr 94          | Three Quarter time       | .75               |
| Fall 94         | Three Quarter time       | .75               |
| Spr 95          | Full time                | 1.00              |
| Fall 95         | Half time                | .50               |
| <b>Total</b>    |                          | <b>5.50</b>       |

Even though you may have attended three academic years, you used only 5.5 semesters of eligibility toward your degree. You would then still have 6.5 semesters of eligibility remaining.

### **Re-establishing Eligibility for Aid**

Your progress will be checked after grades are posted each spring term. If you are determined to be out of compliance with the progress standards, you will be placed on a one-year conditional eligibility status. You will still be eligible to receive aid for one academic year. Your grades will be checked for you the following spring. If you have brought your academic standing into compliance with the policy, your aid will be reinstated. If you have met minimum requirements, you may be continued on conditional eligibility. If you have not made progress, your aid will be denied until you either appeal and have aid reinstated or continue to attend classes and bring your record back into compliance with the policy, paying for those courses on your own. Once you have brought your record back into compliance, you may again appeal for reinstatement. For a complete discussion of this policy, contact the Associate Director of Compliance in the Office of Student Financial Aid (phone 530-2056).

- A. The Higher Education Act of 1976, as amended, requires The University of Toledo to develop and apply a consistent and reasonable standard of academic progress for all students who receive federal financial aid in order for those students to continue to receive such assistance. This standard must contain all elements specified in the regulations and must be at least as strict as the policy used for all students who do not receive federal financial aid. "Satisfactory Academic Progress" is measured in terms of performance, through grade point average, and in terms of degree or program completion. The following programs are directly affected: Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal Work-Study, Federal Perkins Loan, all William D. Ford Federal Direct Loans, and all Federal Family Education Loans.

Although the Ohio Instructional Grant is not a federal financial aid program and therefore is not governed by the policies below, regulations published by the Ohio Board of Regents require that certain standards be maintained. All eligible students must enroll for 12 hours per semester in order to receive the benefits of the program and may receive funds for a maximum of 10 semesters. The Part-Time Instructional Grant, while it has the same income requirements as the Ohio Instructional Grant, requires enrollment from one to eleven credit hours. There is no limit on how many semesters or semesters a student may receive the Part-Time Instructional Grant.

## **B. Guidelines**

The University of Toledo has adopted standards with which the academic progress of financial aid recipients will be monitored. These standards insure the proper distribution of financial aid to eligible students.

All students are expected to complete 67% of the credit hours they attempt in order to maintain eligibility. For the purposes of this policy, grades of I, IN, NC, IW and PR indicate attempted courses which were not completed.

Baccalaureate degree seeking students must complete their degree within enrollment in 124 credit hours. The University limits eligibility for financial aid to the first twelve (12) semesters of full-time enrollment; the first eighteen (18) semesters of three-quarter time enrollment; or the twenty-four (24) semesters of half-time enrollment or less.

Community and Technical College students must complete their degree within enrollment in 110 credit hours. The University limits eligibility for financial aid to the first six (6) semesters of full-time enrollment; the first nine (9) semesters of three-quarter time enrollment; or the first twelve (12) semesters of half-time enrollment or less.

The satisfactory academic progress standards for financial aid eligibility for Graduate and College of Law students are as follows:

Students will generally remain eligible to receive federal financial aid as long as they are eligible to continue to register for classes, as determined by their college. However, all students are expected to complete 67% of the credit hours they attempt in order to maintain eligibility.

A student may have financial aid reinstated if the academic record is brought back into compliance while the student pays for registration without financial aid. Once the academic record is in compliance, the student must provide the Office of Student Financial Aid with an unofficial grade transcript for review. Receipt of financial aid will be contingent upon the availability of funds at the time of reinstatement.

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