



STANDARDS FOR SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS FOR FINANCIAL AID RECIPIENTS AND APPLICANTS

Undergraduate students who wish to receive assistance through any federal, state or institutionally supported grant, loan, or work-study program must comply with the following standards for satisfactory progress and academic performance.

Credit and GPA Requirements

To be in academic good standing at Quinnipiac, undergraduate students must meet both minimum grade point average and completed credit requirements.

A student fails to meet academic good standing requirements if his or her:

- 1.) Cumulative GPA is below 2.0
- 2.) Semester GPA is below 2.0 in any two consecutive semesters

If a student also fails to satisfactorily complete remedial actions as stipulated in their Improvement Plan after being placed on probation, they will also be considered unsatisfactory for financial aid eligibility purposes.

In addition to the GPA requirements, all students must complete course work over a period no longer than 150 percent of their program length to maintain the satisfactory academic progress standards of the University. For example, a full-time student enrolled in a four-year degree program must successfully complete an average of 10 credits per semester registered.

A part-time student must complete an average of **six** credits per semester registered. Some individual degree programs have higher GPA and credit requirements for students to maintain program eligibility. Consequently, students should consult the program description in the catalog for the requirements of their individual program.

The academic good standing requirements for transfer students are based on the number of credits accepted for transfer. For example, students who enter Quinnipiac with 20 transfer credits are considered to have completed two semesters and are subject to the requirements of a third-semester student during her/his first semester at Quinnipiac. However, minimum GPA is based only on courses completed at Quinnipiac.

Students should also know that failure to meet the academic good standing requirements might result in the loss of financial aid. In addition, individual programs may have other academic requirements to remain in good standing in the specific program. Students should refer to the program section of the catalog for information regarding individual program requirements. Individual programs or scholarships may have GPA and completed credit requirements that are higher than those listed above.

Quantitative and Qualitative measurements are normally taken annually at the end of the spring semester. Students who are on probation are considered to be making academic progress. Any standards, conditions and requirements outlined in a student's probationary letter will be measured at the end of the probationary term in order to assess continued financial aid eligibility. Students who fail to meet ANY terms and conditions set forth in their probation will lose eligibility for financial aid from that point forward.

(see following page for Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal Policy)

IMPLEMENTATION AND APPEAL OF THE SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS POLICY

1. A student's satisfactory academic progress will be determined by reviewing a student's academic performance and satisfactory progress during the prior academic year. The academic year is defined as running from the beginning of the fall term to the end of the spring term. Non-credit or developmental courses recommended by the student's academic advisor shall count on a semester-hour equivalent basis determined by the University as part of the semester-hour requirements. Failed courses or audited courses will not be counted toward these requirements.
2. This policy's administration involves the Registrar providing the Associate VP/University Director of Financial Aid with an analysis of each student's progress and performance at the end of each spring term. On the basis of this analysis, the University Director of Financial Aid determines which students have not met the University's standards and notifies each financial aid applicant who has not made satisfactory academic progress.
3. Students who fail to meet minimum progress standards will lose eligibility for ALL federal, state, institutional and most private sources of aid. Students with financial aid applications on file for the upcoming year will receive a deficiency letter indicating the loss of aid at the end of May once final grades are posted. Students who are not making satisfactory progress and who have not filed an application for financial aid will not receive this letter until such forms are filed.
4. Students whose performance or progress does not meet the required standards may repair the deficiency during the summer. Those who do not complete the required hours or attain the required GPA prior to the fall term will not be eligible for any form of federal, state or institutionally supported financial aid (loan, scholarship, grant, or work study program) until performance and progress is consistent with the standards stated herein.
5. Students should discuss a corrective action plan with their academic advisor. It is important to note that coursework taken outside Quinnipiac can repair credit deficiencies but will NOT help to restore a GPA deficiency.
6. Students who have corrected their satisfactory academic progress deficiencies MUST contact the University Director of Financial Aid if they wish to receive financial aid. Reinstatement of aid is not automatic and a subsequent review of satisfactory academic progress is done only at the request of the student.
7. A student who wishes to appeal the loss of financial aid eligibility because of sickness or other extenuating circumstances may do so by submitting a written petition to:

Quinnipiac University
275 Mount Carmel Avenue
Hamden, CT 06518

Attn: Mr. Andrew Delohery, Chair, Academic Appeals Committee
OR

Email: FinancialAidAppeals@quinnipiac.edu

Your appeal should include:

- 1.) any mitigating circumstances that may have caused your deficiency
- 2.) documentation to support your circumstances
- 3.) a corrective action plan

Once the Committee Chair receives your written appeal, he will review the merits of your request. A written response will be sent to you within 10 days of this review outlining the results of your appeal. The Committee Chair will also notify the University Director of Financial Aid of this decision, WHICH IS FINAL.

8. Students applying for re-admission to the university whose transcript shows deficiencies in the area of satisfactory academic progress should follow the appeals process listed above in order to be reconsidered for financial aid.
9. If a student believes there has been an error in assessing their eligibility, they may appeal to the University Director of Financial Aid.

For a complete listing of all academic standards required for financial aid, please consult the Quinnipiac University Catalog.