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## Satisfactory Academic Progress Fact Sheet

Effective Summer 2007, to remain eligible for federal and institutional financial aid programs, students are required to make satisfactory academic progress towards achieving a degree based on the policy noted below. Standards of satisfactory academic progress are applied to all students who wish to establish or maintain financial aid eligibility at Mount Vernon Nazarene University, regardless of whether or not they have received financial aid funds in the past.

Satisfactory Academic Progress standards are:

1. Pass a minimum of 67% of all attempted hours at MVNU.
2. Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of a 2.0 (1.8 for first time freshmen for their first academic year).
3. Not to exceed 186 maximum total undergraduate hours attempted at MVNU, including transfer hours.

Academic progress is monitored at the end of the Spring semester. A student's eligibility for financial aid may be in jeopardy for the upcoming academic year if the standards are not met. In addition, the Financial Aid Office reserves the right to use professional judgment to terminate eligibility if the student falls significantly below the standards and has no realistic opportunity to meet the requirements by the end of the academic year, or if a student receives all failing grades for a semester.

### Credit Hours Passed

MVNU recognizes the following letter grades as passing: A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, S, EM  
Grades of F, X, U, IP, I, W, WP, WF, NR, CR are not considered as hours passed.

### Total Attempted Hours

Students must pass a minimum of 67% of all attempted hours at MVNU in all prior terms to remain eligible for financial aid. Attempted hours are assessed at the end of each term's drop/add period. Passed hours are assessed by reviewing the grades at the end of the term.

Additionally, undergraduate students must not exceed the maximum total undergraduate hours attempted of 186, which is based on one and a half times the average credit hours required for a bachelor's degree.

All total hours at MVNU and all credit hours transferred in from other institutions are counted in determining the maximum total hours attempted.

### Audited Classes

Audited courses are not considered part of the SAP evaluation.

### Pass/Fail Course Work

Pass/Fail courses are considered toward attempted credit hours as well as the credit hour maximum. However, a GPA is not calculated based on pass/fail coursework and is not considered part of the calculation.

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### Transfer Hours

Only courses and credit hours where the student earned grades of C- or better are accepted by MVNU and counted in the SAP evaluation.

### Remedial courses

Remedial courses ENG 0083, MATH 0083, and MATH 0093 do not earn credit but will be counted toward the 186 maximum. The grades are also counted toward the student's cumulative GPA.

### Cumulative Grade Point Average

A student's cumulative grade point average (GPA) at MVNU must meet the minimum standards, undergraduate degrees require a minimum of a 2.00. The student's GPA will be monitored and enforced by the Registrar's office. If the student's GPA indicates probation with the University, then the student may be eligible for financial aid. If the University dismisses the student, then the student is not eligible for financial aid.

### Review Procedures

After Spring grades are posted, the Financial Aid Office will review academic history files of all students and notify students of their academic progress status for financial aid purposes. Whether a student has received financial aid in the past is not relevant.

Satisfactory Academic Progress Status Codes	
<b>Satisfactory</b>	<b>Alert</b>
Have attempted less than 150 total hours At least a 2.00 cumulative GPA Passed at least 67% hours attempted Eligible for FA	Attempted 150 -170 hours w/a max of 2 terms of eligibility. Attempted 171 -186 hours w/a max of 1 terms of eligibility. Only have passed between 67 and 75% of all attempted hours Eligible for FA
<b>Probation (One Year Only)</b>	<b>Unsatisfactory</b>
65% - 67% hours attempted Not exceeded 186 total hours Freshmen 1.80 - 2.00 GPA Returning 1.90 - 2.00 GPA Eligible for FA	Greater than 186 total hours Not met one or more of SAP standards Not Eligible for FA

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### Deficiencies in Credit Hours

Financial aid awards may be reinstated if attempted hour deficiency has been cleared. To clear up an attempted hour deficiency, students could have a grade changed, complete coursework for an incomplete, or pass greater than 67% of all future attempted hours.

Students have to inform the Financial Aid Office once the attempted hour deficiency has been cleared and the academic record at MVNU has been updated.

### Appeal Process

Students may appeal who have received a status of Unsatisfactory for reinstatement of their financial aid eligibility. A written appeal and supporting third party documentation are required. Each request is considered on an individual basis. Appeal forms are available on the Financial Aid website at: [http://www.gotomvnu.com/preparing/forms/SAP\\_Appeal.pdf](http://www.gotomvnu.com/preparing/forms/SAP_Appeal.pdf).

Reinstatement of financial aid is dependent upon professional judgment. Following are examples of "special circumstances" that may be considered when processing an appeal: significant medical illness or injury, death of a close relative, obtaining a second bachelor's degree, change in an academic program of study, or a significant event or personal injury.

After the appeal has been reviewed, the student will be notified of the results of the decision. If a student's appeal has been approved, they will be eligible to receive financial aid for the semester or year of their approval period. If a student is approved for a single term, their academic performance will be reviewed at the end of the term. Eligibility for future terms will be dependent upon meeting the conditions of the approval.

If the appeal is denied, the student must clear up the deficiencies to receive federal and institutional financial aid.

### Dropping or Withdrawing from Courses

Reducing a student's enrollment during any semester may have serious consequences. If a student is considering dropping one or all their courses after their financial aid has paid or after the end of the drop and add period, the student should contact the Financial Aid Office to determine how this may affect their financial aid. This may include the following: 1) the student may be required to return some or all of the financial aid paid to their student account, 2) the student may become deficient in attempted hours; 3) the student may lose their grace period on federal loans if enrolled less than ½ time (or go into repayment if enrolled less than ½ time for a period of time greater than 6 months).