Satisfactory Academic Progress for Undergraduates

All students who have completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Dream Act Application and wish to be considered for University, State and Federal Aid must meet the criteria stated in this policy.

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships monitors qualitative and quantitative standards for undergraduate and graduate students after the students' completion of the academic year. Students who do not complete classes enrolled in or fail to achieve the minimum standards for grade point average may lose their eligibility for all types of University, State and Federal aid.



Undergraduate students must meet all three standards (Qualitative, Quantitative, and Minimum Unit Completion) in order to remain in good standing with financial aid. When considering Satisfactory Academic Progress standards, keep the following in mind:

- Completed units would include:
 - Final grades of an A, B, C, D, or P.
 - The first repeat of a previously passed course
 - Classes taken at another college that have been accepted by the University for degree credit
- The following classes/units would not count towards your completed unit count:
 - Incomplete, Failed, No Pass, or Withdrawn grades
 - Classes taken at other colleges that are not reflected on your UCSB transcript

A student's cumulative completed units will be measured at the end of every academic year. Students must meet the following unit counts at the end of their corresponding year at UCSB:



Students who do not meet the minimum academic standards addressed above will be suspended and will need to appeal for future financial aid.

Satisfactory Academic Progress for Undergraduates: Examples

• Joe Gaucho entered UCSB as a new freshman. In his first year, Joe had 36 completed units and a 2.75 GPA. In Joe's second year though, he struggled a bit. While he maintained a 2.75 GPA and attempted 36 units, Joe had to withdrawal in Spring quarter and now is twelve units short of the Minimum Unit Standard. What happens to Joe's financial aid now?



• Julie Gaucho also entered UCSB as a freshman. In her first academic year, she did great! She moved in early for FSSP and completed 9 units in summer and 36 units during Fall, Winter, and Spring. She also have a 3.0 GPA! Sophomore year Julie attempted 36 units again, but she struggled in one course and received an 'F' grade in a 5 unit class. What happens to Julie's financial aid now?



Julie has met all of the Satisfactory Academic Standards with 76 completed units, a 2.8 GPA, and a pace of 94%!

Great job Julie!