



Satisfactory Academic Progress

Could I lose my financial aid?

[Is your cumulative GPA below 2.00?](#)

[Have you dropped/failed too many classes?](#)

[Have you taken too many hours?](#)

If you answered “YES” to any one of these questions,
your financial aid could be terminated.

See below for more information

Am I meeting Federal Requirements?

Is your cumulative GPA below 2.00?

A student must maintain at least a 2.00 cumulative GPA. If your cumulative GPA is less than 2.00, you will be placed on **Warning** for one term only. After the **Warning** term, if your cumulative GPA is still below 2.00, you will be **terminated** from financial aid.

Have you dropped/failed too many classes?

You must complete and pass at least 67 percent of your cumulative attempted hours. Accepted transfer hours and developmental courses are included in the calculation. If your cumulative completion rate is less than 67 percent, you will be placed on **Warning** for one term only. After the **Warning** term, if your cumulative completion rate is less than 67 percent, you will be **terminated** from financial aid.

Have you taken too many hours?

You must complete your program within 150 percent of the published length. For example, if you are enrolled in a degree program requiring 124 hours, you will be **terminated** from financial aid after you have attempted 186 hours. Developmental courses are not counted in the 150 percent maximum timeframe calculation; accepted transfer hours are counted. There is **no Warning** term. See "[Be Re-Evaluated for Maximum Hours](#)".

How Do I Check My Financial Aid Status?

Go to [CougarNet](http://www.siu.edu/COUGARNET) at <http://www.siu.edu/COUGARNET>

Click "Enter CougarNet with your e-ID" (1st option) or "Enter CougarNet with your University ID" (2nd option)

Click "Financial Aid" (3rd option) or (3rd tab)

Click on "Financial Aid Status (1st option)

Click Drop-down menu for Select Aid Year

Select correct aid year; Click "Submit"

Scroll to "Based on your academic transcript. . . ."

What Can I Do If My Financial Aid Is Terminated?

File an Appeal

If extenuating circumstances (illness, death in the family, etc.) contributed to your lack of Satisfactory Academic Progress, you may request an appeal. Appeal forms can be found at:

http://www.siu.edu/financialaid/pdf/Appeal_11-12.pdf.

Be Reinstated

If you do not qualify to file an appeal, you may pursue reinstatement by attending SIUe without the financial aid from which you have been terminated. If you achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or better **and** a cumulative completion rate of 67 percent or better, you may request financial aid reinstatement. You may also request reinstatement if grade changes have improved your status to the required minimums.

Be Re-Evaluated for Maximum Hours

There is no appeal for exceeding the maximum timeframe, but your eligibility can be re-evaluated due to program changes, additional required prerequisites, etc.

Do not lose your \$\$\$

United States Department of Education regulations, Illinois Student Assistance Commission rules, and University policy require a student applying for and/or receiving federal, state, and most university financial assistance, including student employment, must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress in order to receive these funds. Students must be making satisfactory academic progress regardless of whether they have previously received aid. The standards must be cumulative and include all prior terms of attendance at SIUE.

- The Financial Aid Office may attempt to notify some students by mail of their standing at the end of each term. However, **students** are responsible for knowing the standards and applying them to their academic history. In addition, students are notified on [CougarNet](#) of their current standing, and **students** are responsible for reviewing that information and understanding how it affects their financial aid eligibility.
- This policy applies to undergraduate and graduate students. Some academic programs and financial aid awards may have stricter requirements which would always supersede this policy.
- This policy applies to all Federal Title IV programs, all state, and most institutional programs. The policy does **not** apply to graduate assistantship or employee tuition waivers. Alternative (private) loans and many private scholarships may also be exempt from these requirements.
- Attempted courses are those that remain on the academic transcript after the end of the 100 percent refund period.
- Completed courses are those in which a grade of A, B, C, D or P is received. Courses in which a WP, WE, WF, W, US, PR, I, AU, E, F, no credit, or blank is received are considered not completed.
- Financial aid may be received only for the first 30 attempted developmental (courses numbered below 100) hours.

- Students must be enrolled in a program of study leading toward a degree offered by the institution. Students cannot continue receiving financial aid for the same program in which they have already received a degree.
- Unclassified Graduate students may receive financial aid for one calendar year if they are taking pre-requisites for a graduate program, as verified by the department.
- Students who have already received a degree (at any institution) can receive financial aid (limited to loans and some tuition waivers) at SIUE if they are pursuing initial (not additional) Illinois State Teacher Certification.
- The policy is cumulative and regulations state very clearly that they apply to any financial aid applicant/recipient regardless of prior financial aid history (or lack thereof). Past performance is often indicative of future performance and we are unable to award federal, state, and/or institutional funds to a student who has not performed well in past terms.

For additional information, see the [Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy – Undergraduate/Graduate](#).