

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS POLICY  
For Recipients of Federal Financial Aid

All students receiving Title IV Federal Financial Aid for attendance at East Mississippi Community College must maintain SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP) for a chosen academic, career or technical program. Title IV Federal Financial Aid includes Federal Pell Grant (FPELL), Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG), Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP), Federal Stafford Loan (Subsidized and Unsubsidized), Parent Loan (PLUS), and Federal Work-Study (FWS).

The following policies are in compliance with federal guidelines for SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP):

1. Maintain a 2.00 cumulative GPA (grade point average) as calculated by the Registrar's Office.
2. Maintain a course completion rate of 66 2/3%. For example, a student attempting 15 semester hours in the fall term and 15 semester hours in the spring term must successfully complete at least 20 hours (30 hours divided by 60 hours = 67%).
3. Complete the certificate or degree within 150% of the published length of the program (major). For example, a degree requiring 65 hours for graduation allows a maximum of 98 attempted hours (65 hours X 150% = 98 hours). Hours beyond 98 are not considered for financial aid award purposes. NOTE: Aid stops at the point you are no longer able to complete your degree within the 150% time frame. For example, if 70 hours have been attempted and 35 hours have been completed the student would no longer be eligible for aid since the course requirements for the degree could not be completed within the 98 hour time frame.

Total academic history at EMCC is considered when determining SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP). Academic history includes all passing grades (A, B, C, D, F), and grades of "\*", "AU", "I", "R", "W", "WF", "WP", and "FA".

EMCC measures SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP) at the close of Spring Semester each year (or earlier if you are already receiving federal aid under an appeal status). Aid is withdrawn/cancelled for failure to meet SAP requirements. Students failing to maintain SAP are informed in writing. Detailed appeal procedures are mailed to all students who fail to maintain SAP.

Students have the right to appeal the cancellation of financial aid and must respond to the Director of Financial Aid within 30 days of being notified. Upon receipt of the appeal, SAP decisions are made within 21 days and students are notified of decisions in writing.

East Mississippi Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

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