

Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Status

Federal and state regulations require students receiving financial aid and Cal Grants to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). We encourage all students to read and be familiar with the complete **Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy**. These standards are stricter than those required to enroll at SBCC. In general, you must:

- Complete your program within 150% of the maximum time frame
 - AS, AA or transfer programs within 90 units
 - Certificate programs within 30 units
- Maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA
- Successfully complete 67% of all attempted units

SAP is based on federal regulations that outline the maximum unit total a student has to complete an educational goal and the grades needed for each semester. You may review your current SAP status in your Pipeline account.

Step 1: At the Pipeline home page, click on “Student,” then on Financial Aid on the left-hand side of the home page.

Step 2: At the Financial Aid page, click on “Eligibility.”

Step 3: At the Aid Year Page, select the “Aid Year” and click “Submit.”

Step 4: At the Eligibility Page, click on “Academic Progress.”

The following are the different SAP statuses assigned to students.

WARNING: You have not completed enough units, met the GPA requirement for your last enrolled semester, met the cumulative GPA requirement or met the Pace of Progression. **You do not need to appeal to receive financial aid**, however, we encourage you to meet with your academic counselor or take advantage of the student support services available to assist you with your academic work. While you are eligible to continue to receive financial aid, if your academic performance does not improve, you may lose eligibility.

EXCESSIVE UNITS: You are expected to complete your SBCC educational goal within 150% of the maximum frame to complete your program. As you have exceeded this time frame, **you must appeal to continue to receive financial aid**. Once you have reached “Excessive units,” you will be required to appeal every semester you are enrolled at SBCC, if financial aid is applicable and desired.

DISQUALIFIED: You have not successfully completed enough units, met the GPA standards for two consecutively enrolled semesters, met the cumulative GPA requirement or met Pace of Progression. **You must appeal to receive financial aid**.

COMPLETED ZERO UNITS: You have withdrawn from all classes, completed zero units and did not earn academic credit in your last enrolled semester. **You must appeal to receive financial aid**.

We would like you to continue your studies at SBCC and retain your eligibility. We encourage you to complete the appeal process. Please review the information on the [Financial Aid website](#). Download and complete the appeal form and submit it to the financial aid office as soon as possible.

Please note that Alternative Loans, and most Campus-based or Off-campus Scholarships are not subject to Satisfactory Academic Progress. The California College Promise Grant (CCPG) has a different SAP policy, which can be viewed on the [Financial Aid website](#).