

Amridge University

Where Traditional and Online Education Merge

Academic Progress Standards for Financial Aid

A student must make satisfactory academic progress in order to qualify for federal (Title IV) financial aid. Amridge University complies with the satisfactory academic progress requirements established by the federal government for students who receive federal financial aid.

Satisfactory academic progress standards at Amridge include:

- a qualitative measure (cumulative grade point average)
- a quantitative measure (maintaining measurable progress toward the completion of their degree program)
- a reasonable time frame for degree completion.

For financial aid purposes, satisfactory progress is determined by the following guidelines:

- ◆ In order to satisfy the qualitative measure, students receiving federal financial aid must maintain the required cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of their degree program as listed at the end of this section. Financial aid's required CGPA is the same as the institution's academic CGPA. Neither transferred course credit hours, withdrawn course credit hours; nor repeated course credit hours are used in the calculation. The only courses considered in the CGPA calculation are the courses which are non-transferred and apply to the current degree program. Transferred courses include all courses taken externally to the current degree program whether taken at Amridge University or at other institutions.
- ◆ In order to satisfy the quantitative measure, students must successfully complete more than 66 percent of all credit hours attempted. Repeated courses, transferred courses which are applied to the current degree program and courses from which the student withdrew on or after the first day of the semester (cumulative attempted hours) are used in the hours attempted calculation. **This measure becomes effective when a student has attempted one-third of the credit hours required for their degree program.** Students, who repeat courses or withdraw from courses to an excessive degree; or take courses not related to their degree requirements, jeopardize their satisfactory progress and may be subject to loss of eligibility for financial aid.

Academic Progress is reviewed by the Financial Aid Office at the end of each semester. The measurement is cumulative, not just over the preceding semester. Failure to meet either of these requirements will result in the student being placed on financial aid probation for a period of one academic semester. A student's financial aid eligibility continues during the time of financial aid probation. Failure to reach both the qualitative and quantitative standards of satisfactory academic progress during the probationary period will place the student on financial aid suspension. The student will remain on financial aid suspension until such time as the student's CGPA and course completion measurement both meet the stated requirements. The financial aid office will notify all students who are failing to meet Satisfactory Academic Progress.

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A student placed on suspension for failure to meet the qualitative or quantitative measure of satisfactory academic progress will not be eligible to receive federal or state financial aid. A student placed on suspension may appeal the application of these policies to the Amridge University Appeals Committee. The appeal must be in writing and must include the student's name, social security number, and the facts upon which the appeal is based. Documentation of any mitigating circumstances must accompany the appeal. A written response from the Appeals Committee will be provided to the student.

- ◆ The maximum time frame allowable for a student to complete a degree program must be no longer than 150 percent of the published length of the program in credit hours as listed in the Academic Catalog. Cumulative attempted semester hours are included in this calculation. The student who exceeds this limit will no longer be eligible for state or federal financial aid. The financial aid office will notify the student who exceeds the 150 percent regulation. Students who repeat courses or withdraw from courses to an excessive degree; or take courses not related to their degree requirements, jeopardize their satisfactory progress and may be subject to loss of eligibility for financial aid.

Required CGPA's by Degree

Bachelor Degrees	2.0
Master of Arts Degrees	3.0*
Master of Science Degrees	2.0**
Master of Divinity Degrees	
Ministerial Leadership	2.0
Marriage & Family Therapy	3.0
Professional Counseling	3.0
Pastoral Counseling	2.0
Master of Divinity	2.0
Doctoral Degrees	3.0

* *A grade of 3.0 is required for each course taken in specified MA degree programs.*

** *CGPA is 3.0 for students currently enrolled in the MS-Professional Counseling, MS-Clinical Therapy or MS-Marriage & Family Therapy degree programs.*