

AMRIDGE UNIVERSITY

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 University include:

- a qualitative measure (cumulative grade point average)
- a quantitative measure (maintaining measurable progress toward the completion of 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 in this policy. 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 Neither transferred course credit hours, withdrawn course credit hours, nor repeated course credit hours are used in the calculation.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 taken while enrolled in 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 over 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 included in the hours attempted calculation. This measure becomes effective when a student has attempted one-third of the credit hours required for his or her degree program. Students who repeat courses, withdraw from courses to an excessive degree or take courses which are 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 University's Financial Aid Office at the end of each semester. The measurement is cumulative, not just over the preceding semester. Failure to meet the qualitative or quantitative measure of satisfactory academic progress requirements will result in the student being placed on financial aid warning for a period of one academic semester. A student's financialaid eligibility continues during the time of financial aid warning. Failure to reach both the qualitative and quantitative standards of satisfactory academic progress during the period of warning 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 measurements both meet the stated requirements. The Financial Aid Office will notify all students who are failing to meet satisfactory academic progress.

Students who again don't meet the qualitative and quantitative measures of satisfactory academic progress requirements beginning in the semester after receiving a financial aid warning will be placed on financial aid suspension. A student placed on such suspension will not be eligible to receive federal or state financial aid. A student placed on suspension may appeal the suspension in accordance with the University's Standard Appeals/ Grievance Process specified in Section 1 of the Amridge University Academic Catalog.

FINANCIAL AID PROBATION

Students who are able to demonstrate through their written appeal that they will be able to make satisfactory academic progress by the end of the next payment period or who have an approved financial aid academic plan will be placed on financial aid probation. Students who are making satisfactory academic progress during the probationary period and/or who are complying with the conditions of their approved financial aid academic plan will retain federal fund eligibility. A financial aid academic plan cannot continue for more than three semesters.

FINANCIAL AID SUSPENSION

Failure to meet both the qualitative and quantitative standards of satisfactory academic progress during the probationary period will place the student on financial aid suspension and the student will be ineligible for federal aid. The student will remain on financial aid suspension and will be ineligible for federal aid until such time as the student's CGPA and course completion measurements both meet the stated requirements. The Financial Aid Office will notify all students who are failing to meet satisfactory academic progress.

FINANCIAL AID WARNING

The maximum time-frame for a student to complete a degree program must not be longer than 150 percent of the published length of the program in credit hours as listed in the Amridge University Academic Catalog. Cumulative attempted semester hours are included in this calculation. Any 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 requirement. Students who repeat or withdraw from courses to an excessive degree or who take courses not related to their degree requirements jeopardize their satisfactory academic progress and may be subject to loss of eligibility for financial aid.

Note on repeated courses: Students who repeat courses may lose federal financial aid eligibility for the repeated courses. Students should make every effort to avoid a situation which would result in needing to repeat a course. Please refer to the policy on repeat of courses or consult with your financial aid advisor.

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

Required CGPA's by Degree

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