

Standards: GPA & Credits Earned

Federal and Institutional Financial Aid

The Cumulative Grade Point Average & Pace Completion (%) requirements to remain in good academic standing for Federal and Institutional Financial Aid are listed below.

- Federal regulations (Sections 668.16(e), 668.32(f) and 668.34) require that schools monitor the academic progress of each applicant for federal financial assistance and that the school certify that the applicant is making satisfactory academic progress toward earning his/her degree. [[Undergraduate Satisfactory Academic Progress](#)]
- Contact the Office of Financial Aid, finaid@sage.edu, for more information

Attempted Credits	Cumulative GPA (minimum)	Pace % (minimum)
0-30 credits	1.500	67.000
30.5 - 47.5 credits	1.750	67.000
48+ credits	2.000	67.000

Qualitative Standards: Grade Point Average

In accordance with federal regulations, by the second calendar year of enrollment in a post-secondary educational program, the student must have at least a 2.000 cumulative **Grade Point Average (GPA)** to be considered making satisfactory progress for continued participation in federal and institutional aid programs. Students who do not meet this test will be ineligible to participate in federal and institutional financial aid programs until this deficiency is corrected.

Quantitative Standards: Credits Earned (Pace of Completion)

To remain eligible for financial aid, all students must successfully complete (earn) a minimum of **67.000%** of the total cumulative hours attempted.

- Attempted credit hours include all credits attempted at Russell Sage College as well as credits that were accepted as transfer credits.
- Pace of completion (%) is determined by dividing the total number of credit hours earned (successfully completed) by the total number of credit hours attempted.

In order for students to monitor their academic progress, both the cumulative GPA and the Pace of Completion can be found in Self Service - Student Planning - My Progress (under the Show Program Notes link).

Russell Sage College recommends students earn at least 30 credit hours per academic year in order to graduate in four years.

All F Grades or Zero GPA

Students receiving all F grades or having a zero term GPA in one semester will have their status automatically moved to Unsatisfactory Academic Progress (USAP) and will not be eligible for federal or institutional financial aid regardless of meeting all other SAP requirements. Until the student is making satisfactory academic progress, they are responsible for all charges due to the College.

During the semester that the student received all F grades or a combination of F's and Incompletes (I) the student will be asked to verify their attendance. Failure to verify attendance will be considered an "unofficial"

withdrawal and aid for that semester is subject to the Return to Title IV (R2T4) Federal Calculation of repayment. This calculation could result in the student having an outstanding balance with the college due to returned funds to the Department of Education.

Grade Changes

Students who are receiving aid on a conditional or probationary basis must resolve all incomplete grades before the Office of Financial Aid can make a final determination that they meet the satisfactory academic progress guidelines. Students must report any grade changes that impact their aid directly to the Office of Financial Aid.

Right to Appeal

Students have the right to **appeal** any decision of ineligibility (USAP) to continue to receive financial assistance unless they have previously been granted an appeal. Appeals must be filed within 30 days of notification that aid eligibility has been lost. An appeal must be typed and sent to:

Director of Financial Aid
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