

Satisfactory Progress (SAP) Definition

Students have a limited amount of time to complete their undergraduate degree requirements. To earn the basic undergraduate degree, students must successfully complete 120 credit hours. Undergraduate full-time status equals 12 or more credits per semester. However, to graduate in 4 years, a student must complete 30 credits each academic year. Federal or institutional aid recipients enrolled less than full-time are required to meet these standards on a basis proportional to their enrollment status.

For transfer students, satisfactory academic progress will be measured by equating transfer credits accepted by Russell Sage College to the number of cumulative credits earned, as indicated on the chart below. All transfer credits accepted by Russell Sage College will be considered attempted and completed credits for purposes of determining Satisfactory Academic Progress.

For a student to be considered as progressing normally and maintain eligibility for federal and institutional financial aid, students must achieve specific quality (grade averages) and quantity (credits earned) standards. Below are outlines of academic standards which must be met to comply with federal and institutional requirements. Academic progress is monitored by the Office of Financial Aid through established institutional guidelines.

- See [Financial Aid Standards: GPA and Credits Earned](#) for more information.