

Georgetown Law Federal Student Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy

- This **"Policy"** is effective beginning in the 2011-2012 academic year
- This Policy applies to all forms of **"Federal Financial Aid"** administered through the Georgetown Law Office of Financial Aid, including but not limited to:
 - Federal Stafford (Subsidized/Unsubsidized) Loans
 - Federal Graduate PLUS Loans
 - Federal Perkins Loans
 - Federal Work-Study
- For all standards and requirements contained herein, a **"Semester"** is any semester for which the student is enrolled at the conclusion of that semester's add/drop period in the minimum number of credits necessary to be eligible for Federal Financial Aid, regardless of whether the student received Federal Financial Aid

Qualitative Standard – GPA

- Students must, with respect to each Semester, maintain both a cumulative and per-Semester GPA of at least 2.0

Quantitative Standard – Completion Rate

- Students must maintain a per-Semester Completion Rate of at least 0.66
- **"Completion Rate"** = Completed Credit Hours/Attempted Credit Hours
- **"Completed Credit Hours"** include all credits for which the student earns a grade, including an "honors" or "pass" notation under honors/pass/fail or pass/fail grading, but does not include credits for which the student withdraws or receives an incomplete notation
- **"Attempted Credit Hours"** include all credits for which the student is enrolled at the conclusion of the add/drop period for that Semester
- For purposes of this calculation, transfer credits are included when calculating both Attempted Credit Hours and Completed Credit Hours

Financial Aid Warning

- Any student not satisfying either the Qualitative or Quantitative Standard for a single Semester may receive a **"Financial Aid Warning"**
- Students in receipt of a Financial Aid Warning may continue to receive Federal Financial Aid

Financial Aid Probation and Suspension

- Any student not satisfying either the Qualitative or Quantitative Standard for two or more consecutive Semesters will be placed on **"Financial Aid Probation"**
- A student on Financial Aid Probation may continue to receive Federal Financial Aid for one **"Probationary Semester"** (which may be the Semester in which the student is informed of the Financial Aid Probation) which is the next enrolled Semester immediately following the Semester triggering the Financial Aid Probation
- No Federal Financial Aid may be disbursed for students on Financial Aid Probation after the Probationary Semester until grades have posted for the Probationary Semester (which may be significantly after the start of classes for the next following Semester)
- Should a student on Financial Aid Probation fail to satisfy either the Qualitative or Quantitative Standard with respect to the Probationary Semester, the student will be placed on **"Financial Aid Suspension"** and will no longer be eligible for Federal Financial Aid until it is known by the Office of Financial Aid that the student has satisfied both the Qualitative and Quantitative Standards relative to a Fall or Spring Semester with Attempted Credit Hours at least equal to the minimum number of credit hours considered to be standard for the student's degree program, as defined by the Office of the Registrar

Degree Timeframe

- In addition to the Qualitative and Quantitative Standards, students must complete their degrees within a **“Maximum Time”** of 150% of the normal time for completing the applicable degree, as defined by the Office of the Registrar
- Students pursuing second degrees with new course requirements reset the Maximum Time
- A student will not be eligible for Federal Financial Aid following the conclusion of the Maximum Time

Appeal Process

- A student may appeal any of the Policy requirements due to extenuating circumstances
- Appeals must be submitted in writing to the Assistant Dean for Financial Aid and must include documentation of the alleged extenuating circumstances
- The student may appeal the application of a Policy requirement up to and including the 60% point of the Semester relative to which a Financial Aid Warning, Probation or Suspension would be triggered or in which the Maximum Time would be reached
- Appeal decisions are final and are not further appealable