

# Office of Financial Aid, Scholarships, and Veteran Benefits Certification

# UTA Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy

Federal Title IV and State of Texas regulations require institutions of higher education to monitor the academic progress of students receiving financial aid. In order to remain eligible for federal, state, and some institutional need-based financial aid, students must comply with UTA's standards for SAP.

Both the qualitative and quantitative requirements must be met, regardless of full-time or part-time attendance.

#### 1. Minimum Cumulative GPA earned at UTA

| Undergraduate | 1.8 at the end of the first and/or second term of enrollment |
|---------------|--|
|               | 1.9 at the end of the third term of enrollment               |
|               | 2.0 at the end of the fourth term of enrollment              |
| Graduate      | 3.0 for all terms of enrollment at UTA                       |

### 2. Minimum Cumulative Pace of Program Progression

A student must successfully complete at least 67% of the credit hours attempted. The cumulative measurement includes the total of both the successfully and unsuccessfully completed courses at UTA and all accepted transfer credit hours.

| Pace Formula               |  |  |
|----------------------------|--|--|
| Cumulative Hours Completed |  |  |
| Divided by                 |  |  |
| Cumulative Hours Attempted |  |  |

#### 3. Maximum Time Frame

| Undergraduate Programs      | 180  |
|-----------------------------|------|
| Post Baccalaureate Programs | 230¹ |
| Masters Programs            | 54   |
| Master's in Architecture    | 100  |
| Master's in Social Work     | 64   |
| Doctoral Programs           | 96²  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes all undergraduate hours attempted

A student's failure to meet UTA SAP policy results in the immediate loss of Title IV eligibility.

Scan the QR code below for more info about our SAP policy.



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Includes all graduate hours attempted at UTA

## **Appeal Procedures**

Students may appeal for the following reasons:

- Serious illness or injury to student or immediate family member that required extended recovery time - Documentation example: Doctor's Note/Order
- Death of an immediate family member Documentation example: Obituary/Memorial Program
- Significant trauma in student's life that impaired the student's emotion and/or physical health - Documentation example: Note from counselor/ third-party
- Withdrawal due to military service Documentation example: Orders
- Second degree, double major, change of major Documentation required: Degree Plan signed by an Academic Advisor (must contain all courses remaingin and a graduate date)
- Other unexpected circumstances beyond the control of the student, including any disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic -Documentation example: Third-party letter

Note: Circumstances related to the typical adjustment to college life such as working while attending school, financial issues related to paying bills, and car maintenance/travel to campus are not considered as extenuating circumstances for purposes of appealing the loss of Title IV eligibility.

Note: All appeals submitted without proper documentation will be denied and the student's pending financial aid will be canceled. If proper documentation is submitted afterwards, our office will review their appeal again, and if approved, reinstate their financial aid at that time (based on available funding).

<u>Note:</u> All students not meeting UTA's SAP policy due to 'Maximum Time Frame' must submit a signed degree plan from their academic advisor with their SAP appeal.

Scan the QR code to learn about how to submit a SAP appeal.

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