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The University of Arkansas – East Arkansas Community College establishes Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards to monitor student academic performance and ensure continued eligibility for enrollment and financial aid.

I. Purpose

1. The University of Arkansas – East Arkansas Community College establishes Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards to monitor student academic performance and ensure continued eligibility for enrollment and financial aid.
2. SAP standards are applied consistently to all students in accordance with federal financial aid regulations.

II. Evaluation Frequency

1. Satisfactory Academic Progress is evaluated:
 - a. At the conclusion of each academic term after grades are posted.
 - b. This aligns with institutional practice as reflected in the catalog.

III. SAP Standards

Students must meet both the qualitative (GPA) and quantitative (completion rate) measures listed below based on total semester credit hours attempted.

Grade Point Average (Qualitative Measure)

Students must maintain the following minimum cumulative grade point average:

Semester Credit Hours Attempted	Minimum Cumulative GPA
1-15	1.50
16-31	1.60
32-47	1.70
48 and above	2.00

A student who fails to maintain the required cumulative GPA for his or her credit-hour level will not meet SAP standards. The cumulative GPA requirement reaches 2.00 once a student has attempted 48 or more semester credit hours.

Completion Rate (Quantitative Measure)

Students must successfully complete the following minimum percentage of attempted credit hours:

Semester Credit Hours Attempted	Minimum Completion Rate
1-15	50%
16-31	53%
32-47	60%
48 and above	67%

Completion rate is calculated by dividing successfully completed credit hours by attempted credit hours.



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Grades of A, B, C, D, and CR are considered successfully completed coursework. Grades of F, W, I, NC, AU, and R are considered attempted but not successfully completed for SAP purposes.

Maximum Timeframe

Students must complete their academic program within 150% of the published program length. All attempted hours, including accepted transfer credit, count toward the maximum timeframe.

IV. SAP Status Levels

Good Standing

1. Students who meet all SAP standards remain in good standing.

Financial Aid Warning

2. A student will be placed on Financial Aid Warning when the student's cumulative GPA or completion rate falls below the minimum requirement associated with the student's total attempted credit hours.
 - a. SAP standards are not met for one term.
3. During Warning:
 - a. The student may continue receiving financial aid for one term.
 - b. The student is expected to regain compliance.

Financial Aid Suspension

4. A student will be placed on Financial Aid Suspension when:
 - a. SAP standards are not met after the Warning period.
 - b. The student fails to regain compliance within the required timeframe.
5. During Suspension:
 - a. The student is not eligible for financial aid.
 - b. The student may continue enrollment at personal expense.

Financial Aid Probation (Appeal-Based)

6. Students who successfully appeal suspension may be placed on Financial Aid Probation, subject to conditions outlined in an academic plan.

V. Appeals Process

1. Students may appeal SAP Suspension when extenuating circumstances exist.

Acceptable Circumstances May Include

- a. Medical conditions.
- b. Death of an immediate family member.
- c. Other extraordinary circumstances beyond the student's control.

Appeal Requirements

2. Appeals must include:
 - a. A written explanation of the circumstances.
 - b. Supporting documentation.
 - c. A plan for academic improvement.



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Appeal Outcome

3. The College will:
 - a. Approve or deny the appeal.
 - b. Establish conditions for continued enrollment and aid (if approved).

VI. Impact of Attendance and Participation

1. Failure to attend or actively participate in coursework may result in:
 - a. Course failure (F).
 - b. Reduced completion rates.
 - c. Negative impact on SAP status.

VII. Relationship to Academic Standing

1. SAP is related to, but separate from:
 - a. Academic probation.
 - b. Academic suspension.
2. Students must meet both institutional academic standards and financial aid SAP standards.

VIII. Authority

1. This policy is established in accordance with:
 - a. Federal Student Aid (Title IV) regulations.
 - b. UAEACCP 501.1.1 Academic Attendance.
 - c. UAEACCP 501.1.2 Academic Withdrawal.
 - d. UAEACCP 501.1.3 Student Academic Responsibility.

Other applicable documents:

Applicable policies, procedures, laws, regulations, and institutional documents referenced above.

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