**Graduate Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards for Federal Financial Aid**

The Graduate SAP Standards are utilized solely to determine federal financial aid eligibility. SAP financial aid eligibility standards do not cancel, modify or override the College Academic Standards Policy.

**Qualitative and Quantitative SAP Standards**

The following SAP standards must be met:

1. **Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) Component**
   1. A student must be in good academic standing to receive federal financial aid. A student must maintain a graduate level institutional cumulative GPA of 2.75.
2. **Minimum Completion Rate for Attempted Credit Hours – Pace (Quantitative) Component**
   1. A student must demonstrate progress by accumulating academic credits at a rate that indicates graduation in a timely manner. A student who is not progressing toward graduation at a defined Completion Rate will not receive federal financial aid regardless of GPA.
   2. A student must complete at least 75 percent of all cumulative attempted credits hours in order to be eligible for federal financial aid. The cumulative attempted credit hours include all accepted transfer credits.
      1. The following grades are considered to be attempted but not successfully completed: W, F, N, UW, UWF
      2. Courses repeated will count in attempted credit hours.

**Financial Aid Warning/Suspension**

A student who fails to maintain the cumulative GPA and/or meet Pace (completion rate) standard will be placed on Academic Warning for the next registered semester.

A student who continues to fall below the standards for a subsequent semester after the warning period, will be placed on Academic Suspension and be ineligible to receive federal financial aid until all SAP standards are met.

Students may appeal the loss of eligibility if mitigating circumstances (events totally beyond the student’s control) occurred during the preceding semester.