

Requirements for Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (FA-SAP)

To receive federal, state, and institutional financial aid at Brevard College, a student must maintain Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (FA-SAP). FA-SAP standards apply to all terms regardless of whether or not financial aid is received. Transfer credits will be included in the calculation. For Title IV Federal Aid eligibility a student must not have exceeded 150% of the published program length.*

There are two components of Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress measurement: credit hours and grade point average. Students must meet both component requirements to receive financial aid.

FA-SAP is evaluated at the close of each Spring semester.

Credits*

To maintain eligibility for financial aid, students must complete 67% of total attempted hours. If 67% of attempted credit hours are not earned at the end of a review period, the student will be placed on Financial Aid Suspension.

Grade Point Average

Students must earn the minimum FA-SAP GPA listed in the table below. Please note that FA-SAP GPA is calculated differently than academic GPA. See **Attempted vs. Passed Credits** below for further explanation. Students who fail to meet the requirements below will be placed on Financial Aid Suspension.

Attempted Credit Hours	0-30	31-55	56+
Earned Credit Hours	67% of attempted hours	67% of attempted hours	67% of attempted hours
Minimum Earned Cumulative GPA <i>*See Attempted vs. Passed</i>	1.60	1.80	2.0

Attempted vs. Passed Credits

For FA-SAP standards and the 150% regulation, grades of A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, D-, P, K, EX and CR are counted as attempted and passed hours (AP, IB, and AICE credits are assigned grades of K, while experiential and CLEP credits are assigned grades of EX and CR – since these credits are not completed while enrolled at Brevard College, they are not assigned numerical grade values). Grades of W, I, F, NC, and WV are counted as attempted hours, but not passed. Grades of P given by the institution will be counted numerically as a 4.0 when calculating FA-SAP GPA. FA-SAP standards apply to all terms regardless of whether or not financial aid is received.

Incomplete Grades

Students that have an incomplete (I) grade outstanding from a previous semester will have a hold on their financial aid until a letter grade is assigned.

Repeated Courses

With the exception of the few courses that may be taken more than once for credit, only one repeat of a passed course is allowed while receiving financial aid. Repeated courses that were previously passed will not count toward credits completed for FA-SAP. These credits were already counted toward the standards the first time the course was completed and the student already received aid for these courses.

Transfer Credits

Transfer hours accepted by Brevard College count toward cumulative completion rate and the Maximum Attempted Credits Allowed via the increments listed in the above table. FA-SAP GPA is not affected by transfer hours – it will be calculated solely on coursework completed at Brevard College. The number of transfer hours accepted by the institution will be used to calculate FA-SAP and compliance with the 150% requirement.*

Mid-year Transfers

Students that begin at Brevard College during the Spring semester will be evaluated at the end of their first semester.

***Maximum Attempted Credits Allowed (150% Requirement)**

Federal regulations require the Financial Aid Office to define maximum timeframe in which a student must be able to complete his or her program. This timeframe cannot exceed 150% of the published program length. For example, a degree requiring 124 credit hours for completion allows financial aid eligibility for 186 credit hours attempted – after 186 attempted hours or when it becomes mathematically impossible for program completion within 150% of the program length, aid is no longer available. All attempted credits count toward this limit, even if financial aid was not received or extenuating circumstances interfered with completion of credits. Additionally, credits earned at other colleges may help complete degree requirements; therefore, all credits accepted by Brevard College are included in the maximum credits allowed.

Second Undergraduate Degree Students / Teacher Licensure

Students pursuing a second degree or adding a major to an already completed degree may be given an additional number of aid eligible hours beyond the 150% maximum time frame allowed to earn the second degree. In order to be eligible for additional hours the student must submit an appeal that explains in detail the valid extenuating circumstances necessary for pursuing a second degree. Students must also complete an academic plan outlining the number of hours applicable from the first degree earned and the number of hours remaining to complete the second degree.

Students attempting to obtain post-baccalaureate Teacher Licensure certification must also submit an appeal for extension of the 150% maximum time frame and provide a plan of the course requirements needed to complete the program. Both Title IV grants and loans may still be available to post-baccalaureate Teacher Licensure candidates.

Consortium Agreement Coursework

Students who are enrolled in two colleges during the same term or who are attending another program under a consortium agreement will have FA-SAP calculated by Brevard College as the home institution, with the calculation based on hours attempted at both institutions and the GPA from Brevard College coursework only.

Transient Course Work

All Brevard College funded credits attempted and passed at another institution will be added to cumulative completion rate. GPA is not affected by transient enrollment credits.

Financial Aid Suspension

Students who fail to meet the requirements outlined in the table above at the end of each Spring semester will be placed on Financial Aid Suspension and are not eligible for future aid until again meeting the minimum requirements for FA-SAP.

Students placed on Financial Aid Suspension may appeal to the Financial Aid Committee by completing the FA-SAP Appeal Form and all required documentation. Students are limited to three appeals. Appeals must explain why FA-SAP was not met and what has changed to allow this requirement to be met at the next evaluation. All appeals must include an academic plan designed to bring the student back to meeting FA-SAP by the next evaluation period.

Financial Aid Probation

If a student's FA-SAP Appeal Form is approved, the student will be placed on Financial Aid Probation. The student's financial aid will be reinstated; however, as part of the approval, all students will be required to follow an academic plan. If the student does not meet the requirements of the probation, the student will lose eligibility for financial aid. Students on Financial Aid Probation will be evaluated at the end of each payment period for progress. If a student is meeting the requirements of the academic plan, the student is eligible to continue to receive financial aid and may remain on Financial Aid Probation until they can be placed back into Financial Aid Good Standing. If a student wishes to change their academic plan, they must appeal to do so and explain what has happened to necessitate the change and how they will be able to make academic progress.

Academic Plan

When required, an academic plan will be developed by the student and the student's academic advisor and must be approved by the Registrar. This plan is designed to outline progress toward reestablishment of Good Standing by a specified point in time. All academic plans will be monitored each term. If a student fails to meet the standards set up in the plan, the student will no longer be eligible for financial aid until the student re-establishes eligibility on their own. If a student wishes to change their academic plan, they must appeal to do so and explain what has happened to necessitate the change and how they will be able to make academic progress.

Reestablishing Aid Eligibility

Students may regain eligibility for Financial Aid by appealing their Financial Aid Suspension and completing an academic plan while on Financial Aid Probation or by making enough quantitative and qualitative progress without financial aid to be reinstated into Financial Aid Good Standing as outlined in the table above.