

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS AND THE RECEIPT OF NEW YORK STATE TAP

FACT SHEET

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NEW TAP REQUIREMENTS EFFECTIVE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE FALL 2010 SEMESTER

New TAP academic standards have been established for non-remedial students first receiving state aid in 2007-08 and thereafter. All new Fall 2010 TAP recipients along with all returning TAP recipients who would have met the new 2010 chart criteria at the end of May 2010 will be held to the new 2010 TAP chart. EDP students are excluded from the new 2010 standard and will be held to the 2006 SAP TAP academic progress chart.

Requirements

State regulations require that all financial aid recipients maintain program pursuit and make satisfactory progress toward completion of degree program requirements (referred to as Satisfactory Academic Progress). The Financial Aid Office at Fredonia evaluates student aid recipient progress according to *State requirements* for TAP and APTS at the completion of each semester. *All three criteria in the charts must be met in order to retain financial aid for the following semester. If you withdraw from a course, it may affect your aid for the next semester.*

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS CHART FOR STATE AID (TAP) (NEW 2010 CHART)

Before receiving this TAP payment you must meet all 3 criteria below	1st payment	2 nd payment	3 rd payment	4 th payment	5 th payment	6 th payment	7 th payment	8 th payment	9 th * payment	10 th ** payment
Receive passing/failing grade for this % of hours attempted during last semester	0	50% ft=6 pt=3	75% ft=9 pt=3	100% ft=15 pt=6	100% ft=15 pt=6	100% ft=15 pt=6	100% ft=15 pt=6	100% ft=15 pt=6	100% ft=15 pt=6	100% ft=15 pt=6
Must have accrued at least this many total credit	0	6	15	30	45	60	75	90	105	120
Maintain at least this Grade Point Average	0	1.50	1.80	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00

*Only students in approved 5 year programs (EOP and Medical Technology) are eligible for ten semesters of undergraduate TAP. All other students are limited to eight semesters of undergraduate TAP. **NOTE:** A repeated course in which a passing grade has been received cannot be included as part of the full-time course load for financial aid purposes (unless the course repeat is required by the curriculum).

REPEATED COURSES: Generally, courses in which the student has already received a passing grade cannot be included in meeting full-time study requirements for state-sponsored financial aid. Repeated courses may be counted toward full-time study only when a student repeats a failed course, if a student repeats the course for additional credit, if a student has received a grade that is passing the at the institution but is unacceptable in a particular curriculum, or when a student repeats a previously withdrawn course.

Examples of requirements at different TAP payment levels follow:

1. A student who has received seven payments of TAP must complete at least 15 credit hours during the Fall, maintain at least a 2.00 cumulative GPA, and have accrued at least 90 total credit hours to receive his/her 8th TAP payment in the Spring.
2. A student who has received four TAP payments must complete at least 15 credit hours during the Fall, maintain at least a 2.00 cumulative GPA and have accrued at least 45 total credit hours to receive his/her 5th TAP payment in the Spring.
3. A student who has received three TAP payments must complete at least 15 credit hours during the Fall, maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA, and accrue at least 30 total credit hours to receive his/her 4th TAP payment in the Spring.

**SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS CHART FOR FEDERAL AID
(PELL, Perkins, SEOG, Work Study, Stafford, Parent Loan)**

Before receiving Federal aid at this grade level, you must meet all 3 criteria below:	Grade Level 1	* Grade Level 2	Grade Level 3	Grade Level 4	Grade Level 5	Grade Level 6
Receive passing/failing grades for this % of hours attempted during last two semester	0 ft=0 pt=0	50% ft=12 pt=6	75% ft=18 pt=9	100% ft=24 pt=12	100% ft=24 pt=12	
Must have accrued this many total credits	0	12	30	54	78	102
Maintain at least this cumulative Grade Point Average	0	1.00	1.60	1.80	1.90	2.00

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Number of Tap points prior to:	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42
Before being certified for this payment	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Percentage of attempted hours that must be completed with a passing/failing grade	0%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
A student must have accrued at least this many credit hours	0	6	12	21	30	45	60	75
With at least a grade point average of	0	2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00

Federal Aid receipt is limited to twelve semesters (for students enrolled full-time) according to Federal Regulation 34CFR PART 668.16.

*Example: if you are a first semester Sophomore this Fall you must have completed a total of 12 hours during your first two semesters **AND** have a total of at least 12 hours **AND** have at least a 1.00 cumulative GPA to receive Federal aid **this** semester. You must also complete a total of 18 credit hours **AND** have at least a 1.60 cumulative GPA at the end of the Spring semester to continue receiving Federal aid for the next Fall semester.

Students should be aware that course repeats do *not* count as a completion in determining Satisfactory Academic Progress (Example: Two years ago a student received a failing grade for a course and during the current semester repeated it as a junior To meet progress standards, the student must complete 12 credit hours during the current semester in addition to the repeated course credit hours.)

Part-time students enrolled beyond 12 semesters (up to 24 semesters maximum) must continue to complete 100 percent of hours attempted and maintain a 2.0 GPA.

Notification Procedure

The Financial Aid Office will notify the student between two and four weeks after the conclusion of the Fall semester if Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards were not met while the student received State aid and between two and four weeks after the Spring semester if Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards were not met while the student received Federal and/or State aid. **The letter will inform the student of loss of aid at Fredonia State for the semester *immediately following the one in which the program pursuit and progress standards were not met* and will also apprise the student of the appeal procedure to follow if the student feels financial aid should be reinstated.**

Appeal Procedure

A request to reinstate Federal or State aid for the next semester at Fredonia will be evaluated and granted only if exceptional circumstances (i.e.: family illness or death, personal illness, personal emotional disturbances, changes in education objective) can be documented by the student. Waivers of the criteria and reinstatement of aid are not automatic. They are approved only if in the best interest of the student and only if unusual circumstances prevented the student from meeting the expected criteria. A waiver to reinstate state aid is available only once during undergraduate study (with the exception of "C" average waiver). The waiver request form is mailed with the notification of aid loss to the student by the Financial Aid Office. A student choosing to use the Appeal Process to reinstate aid the next semester at Fredonia should complete and submit the waiver form (with appropriate documentation) to the Office of Student Affairs for evaluation.