

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

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EXPLANATION OF REQUIREMENTS

Federal regulations require each institution to have a SAP policy, which establishes the minimum standards for financial aid eligibility. The university measures your academic performance based on three standards: grade point average (GPA), pace and maximum time.

GPA

The minimum GPA requirement is based on the number of credit hours attempted. GPA standards mirror the university's academic suspension policy.

Credit hours attempted* (includes transferred hours)	Minimum GPA requirement (cumulative JMU GPA for financial aid)
1-27	1.500
28-44	1.650
45-59	1.750
60-74	1.850
75-89	1.900
90-104	1.994
105-119	1.999
120 or above	2.000

PACE

You must earn credit for at least 67% of the hours you attempt. This calculation is performed by dividing the number of credit hours earned by the number of credit hours attempted.

67%

Withdraws, Incompletes and Repeat Forgive courses count as attempted credits in the SAP calculation.

Max Time

You may not receive financial aid for more than 180 attempted hours. However, once you reach 150 attempted hours, we will complete a degree audit in collaboration with your advisor, to see if it is mathematically possible for you to meet graduation requirements before reaching 180 attempted credits.

180 CREDITS

APPEAL PROCESS

If extenuating circumstances contributed to your inability to meet SAP requirements, you may request reconsideration by submitting an appeal form with appropriate supporting documentation.

30 DAYS

Review of your appeal will happen within 30 days and you will be notified of the status via email.

In your appeal form you must:

- Describe the extenuating circumstance(s) that led to your noncompliance.
- Explain what has changed that will allow you to meet SAP requirements in the future.
- Describe the timeframe of your extenuating circumstance(s) for the period that you failed SAP.

SUMMER: JULY 1, 2024
FALL: SEPTEMBER 2, 2024
SPRING: FEBRUARY 3, 2025

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