

**JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY
STANDARDS FOR SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS**

Section 484 of the Higher Education Act (HEA), as amended, requires that a student maintain satisfactory academic progress (qualitative & quantitative) in the course of study he or she is pursuing according to the standards and practices of the institution in which he or she is enrolled in order to receive aid under the student financial assistance programs authorized by Title IV of the HEA. These programs include the Federal Pell Grant (PELL), Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG), National Science & Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant (SMART), Leveraging Education Assistance Partnership Program (LEAP), Federal Work-Study (FWS), Federal Perkins Loan, and Federal Family Educational Loan Program. Jackson State University students must show measurable academic progress towards a degree. Students are required to earn a 2.00 Cumulative Grade Point Average in major courses of study in order to graduate.

Title IV recipients use a graduated scale that culminates in the graduation requirement in order to maintain satisfactory academic progress.

Qualitative Standards

The following scale is used to determine if qualitative satisfactory progress is being maintained:

Satisfactory Academic Progress Scale

Total Hours Attempted	0-29	30-59	60-89	90-107	108-128
Undergraduate minimum Cumulative GPA required	1.50	1.75	1.80	1.90	2.00

Maximum Time Frame

Financial aid eligibility is subject to the maximum time frame limits noted below:

Quantitative Standards

Students are expected to complete the requirements for a degree within a reasonable time frame. Undergraduates pursuing a degree are allowed to attempt up to 150% of the published length of their academic program. For example, length of program = 128 hours x 150% = 192 hours. This includes both Jackson State University and transfer hours.

Undergraduates must pass a minimum percentage of JSU courses attempted. For this standard students must pass 67% of hours attempted.

Grades

Grades of “F”, “W”, and “I” do not count toward credits completed; however, they are counted as attempted hours.

Probation

Failure to complete the required hours and maintain the appropriate cumulative GPA will result in a two semester probationary period including the current semester enrolled. Failure to bring the cumulative GPA into compliance and/or complete the required hours, at this point, will be considered as not maintaining satisfactory academic progress, and therefore renders the student ineligible for Title IV assistance.

Appeal Procedures

Students who fail to maintain satisfactory progress or have not met degree requirements may appeal the denial by explaining the mitigating circumstances in writing to the Chairperson of the Financial Aid Appeals Committee by the published date to complete registration. Appeals received after this date will be considered for the next semester.

Reinstatement

The Financial Aid Appeals Committee will review the appeal for reinstatement of aid. The decision will be based on the strength of the appeal, the documentation submitted, and the academic record.

Mitigating Circumstances

Mitigating circumstances are special or unusual circumstances or conditions that affected a student’s ability to progress according to specified progress standards. The circumstances may include (relating to student), but not limited to, bereavement, illness, emotional or personal difficulties, disability and undue hardship based on traumatic occurrences. These circumstances must be explained in detail when appealing a financial aid denial.

The Financial Aid Office at Jackson State University does not discriminate against prospective students on the basis of sex, handicap, race, color, religion or national origin, pursuant to the requirements of Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and other applicable statutes.

Section 2 – To Be Completed By Academic Advisor

Major _____ Anticipated Graduation Date _____

Total Hours Required for Degree _____
Total Attempted Hours _____
Total Hours Earned Toward Degree _____
Total Hours Received Grade of “W,” “F,” “I”
(Required for Degree) _____
Total Hours Enrolled This Semester of
Classes received “W,” “F,” “I” _____
Total Hours Transferred to J.S.U. _____
Total Transfer Hours Counted Toward Degree _____
Total Attempted/Earned Hours Lost Due to
Change of Major _____
Total Hours Still Required for Degree
(Including Current Semester) _____

Plan of Action _____

Academic Advisor’s Name (Print) _____

Academic Advisor’s Signature _____ Date _____ Extension _____

Section 3 – To Be Completed by Financial Aid Office

Appeal Decision: _____
Comments _____

Staff Signature _____ Date _____
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