



Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards

The Higher Education Act mandates institutions of higher education to establish minimum standards of “satisfactory academic progress” for students receiving financial assistance. This means that a student must make progress toward obtainment of an appropriate degree or certificate during each term that the student is enrolled. These standards are applicable to all federal, state, and institutional aid programs administered by Kentucky Christian University.

At Kentucky Christian University, in order to continue to receive financial aid, a student must demonstrate satisfactory academic progress by completing a minimum number of credit hours, and by maintaining a minimum grade point average. All students will be reviewed at the end of the Spring semester to ensure they are making satisfactory academic progress. KCU’s satisfactory academic progress schedule is as follows:

Satisfactory Academic Progress For Renewal Of Financial Aid

1. Full-time undergraduate students must adhere to the following minimum requirements:

<u>Years Completed</u>	<u>Cumulative GPA</u>	<u>Hours Earned</u>
1	1.85	24
2	2.00	48
3	2.00	72
4	2.00	96
5	2.00	120
6	2.00	144

2. Financial Aid awards for three-quarter time undergraduate students will be determined if the following minimum requirements can be met:

1. Successful completion of 18 hours per academic year.
2. A minimum G.P.A. of 1.85 at the completion of 24 hours.
3. A minimum G.P.A. of 2.00 at the completion of 48 hours and maintain the minimum in subsequent academic years.

3. Financial Aid awards for half-time undergraduate students will be determined if the following minimum requirements can be met:

1. Successful completion of 11 hours per academic year.
2. A minimum G.P.A. of 1.85 at the completion of 24 hours.
3. A minimum G.P.A. of 2.00 at the completion of 48 hours and maintain the minimum in subsequent academic years.

4. The satisfactory academic progress will be evaluated by the Financial Aid Office at the end of each Spring semester. Grades of E, I, IP, U, R, WD, WP, WF, NC and BR will not qualify as successful completion of credit hours but will be considered as hours towards the maximum timeframe. To be considered toward completion of credit hours, the grades of A, B, C, D, S, or P must be earned. Bankrupted and foundational hours would count toward hours attempted but audited classes do not. Students will be given financial aid during a term in which they may be repeating a course, if otherwise eligible. The highest grade will be considered for the cumulative G.P.A. but all credits repeated will be counted in the maximum time frame. Students may be renewed, placed on probation or denied renewal of aid depending upon their adherence to these standards.
5. Financial Aid recipients who are placed on probation may continue to receive financial aid for one year after being placed on probation. The Financial Aid Office will evaluate probation students G.P.A. and hours at the end of their probation year and will extend or terminate financial aid according to its findings. Aid recipients who fail to maintain the minimum G.P.A. and hour requirements will receive no further financial aid until the required standards are met.
6. If you do not maintain the above standards at the end of each year:
 1. You will be placed on financial aid probation. Probation means you may be eligible to receive financial aid, but you must complete the required number of hours with the required G.P.A. by the end of the next year or go on Financial Aid Suspension.
 2. Financial Aid Suspension means that you will not be able to receive any financial aid until you enroll for a subsequent term at your own expense and meet the required hours or G.P.A. of the satisfactory progress definition. Students must provide proof of the successful completion.
 3. If you feel extenuating circumstances exist, contact the Financial Aid Office concerning a possible appeal. To appeal, the student must submit in writing within one month of notification of suspension a complete explanation of the extenuating circumstances that he/she feels impacted his/her academic ability to the Financial Aid Office. The committee will review the appeal and notify the student of the decision within 10 days. Extenuating circumstances may include, but are not limited to, the death of a family member, injury or extended illness of the student, etc. Students will be notified in writing of the action taken on their appeal.