

Satisfactory Academic Progress

GCC students are required to meet minimum academic standards for any academic year during which aid was received in order to retain eligibility for financial aid; including scholarships, grants and student loans. There are also satisfactory academic progress requirements for many outside aid sources, such as the PHEAA State Grant.

Satisfactory Academic Progress requires that a student complete 24 or more credits per academic year while progressing toward the goal of degree attainment. Students who drop credits, withdraw from the semester or unsuccessfully complete credits because of failing grades or receiving incomplete grades may fall below the minimum requirements for satisfactory academic progress.

At the end of every academic year, the Financial Aid Office will review students' academic records to ensure that they are meeting the following minimum standards required. The academic year includes January Intercession and May Intercession.

Exception – In cases where the student has failed to complete the required number of credits to satisfy the academic progress (24 credits) as a result of a medical condition, family illness or other extenuating circumstances, an Academic Progress Appeal Request can be completed and submitted with all supporting documentation to the Financial Aid Office within 14 days of being denied aid because of lack of academic progress. A letter of appeal must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office within 14 days of being denied aid because of lack of academic progress.