

UC Santa Barbara
Policies
Issuing Unit: Student Affairs

Policy 4435

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MINIMUM ACADEMIC PROGRESS
FOR FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY

I. REFERENCES:

- A. Federal Manuals or Draft Regulations for: Educational Opportunity Program National Defense Student Loan Program Work-Study Program
- B. University of California policies in regard to eligibility for various funds.
- C. California State Scholarship and Loan Commission policies in regard to eligibility for receipt of California State Scholarships and College Opportunity Grants.

II. POLICY:

The Federal and state funds utilized to assist needy students require that "satisfactory academic progress" towards a degree objective be maintained by the recipient in order to qualify for continued assistance.

A. Regularly Enrolled:

The student must be enrolled in a regularly prescribed curriculum which is oriented towards the attainment of a specific degree.

B. Undergraduate Students:

Undergraduate students must pass at least 36 units each academic year (fall, winter, and spring quarters) during which aid is received. Those undergraduate students completing between 24 and 35 units in an academic year are placed on financial aid warning status. Aid is not withheld from the student placed on the warning status so long as the student passes at least 36 units each year for the remainder of undergraduate enrollment at UCSB. Students who are not making satisfactory academic progress will be placed on financial aid suspension status. Students are placed on financial aid suspension status if they pass less than 6 units in one quarter, or pass less than 36 units in a year during which they are on financial aid warning status. While on financial aid suspension, a student cannot receive university, state, or federal aid for a minimum of one calendar year from the time of the suspension. Undergraduate aid recipients are expected to complete their graduate requirements within five years. Thus, a student may receive aid for a maximum of 15 quarters.

C. Limited Status and University extension Students:

To receive aid, a student must be enrolled in a program of

study leading to a degree. University Extension and limited status students do not meet this requirement; therefore, students in these programs are not eligible for financial aid at UCSB.

D. Graduate Students:

The Graduate Division and the individual graduate departments monitor the academic progress of graduate students, and the concept of "normative time" is applied. Normative time is the number of years considered reasonable for completion of a particular Ph.D. program by a full-time student. Duration varies by department, from 4.5 to 8 years, and is measured from the time the student begins graduate study at any level.

Exceptions to the above policy can be made only upon the approval of the Chancellor or his designee.

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