

Requirements to Remain a Student and Keep Loans and Scholarships

Students are required to meet specific academic criteria to remain a student and maintain financial aid and scholarships. Because the requirements are different and can be confusing, this document outlines the requirements for each of the three policy areas. Please see the [Policy Library on Artnet](#) for full details, including the appeal process for each policy.

- **Academic Probation and Dismissal:** To be in good academic standing, students must have a minimum semester and cumulative GPA of 2.0. Students are placed on academic probation when their semester or cumulative GPA falls below 2.0. A second consecutive semester with a semester or cumulative GPA below 2.0 will result in academic dismissal from the college.
- **Maintaining Eligibility for Financial Aid and Satisfactory Academic Progress:** Students must meet both a qualitative (GPA) and a quantitative (total number of credit hours successfully completed out of total number of credit hours attempted) requirement to maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP) for both federal and institutional financial aid. In addition, students are eligible for federal financial aid for a maximum of 6 years (150% of the published 4-year academic program).
 - Qualitative Requirement – minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0
 - Quantitative Requirement – complete and pass at least 75% of the cumulative credit hours attempted

Both credit hours attempted versus earned (quantitative) and cumulative GPA (qualitative) are evaluated at the end of each semester. If students do not meet one or both of these requirements they will be placed on financial aid warning for one semester. During this warning period students will continue to receive financial aid. If, upon completion of the warning period, students do not meet the minimum requirements, they will be placed on financial aid suspension and may lose their financial aid.

- **Merit Scholarships Policy:** Students must meet both a qualitative (GPA) and quantitative (total number of credit hours successfully completed out of total number of credit hours attempted) requirement to maintain their full scholarships. Eligibility for renewal will be reviewed after each semester, beginning the spring semester of students' freshman year.
 - Qualitative Requirement – minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
 - Quantitative Requirement - complete and pass at least 75% of the cumulative credit hours attempted

For students who do not qualify for renewal in full, the following amounts will be awarded:

- 2.0 to 2.49 cumulative GPA - 85% of original award
- Below a 2.0 cumulative GPA - 75% of original award
- Less than 75% completion – 85% of original award (this only impacts students whose GPA is above 2.5, but who have less than a 75% completion rate)