



SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS POLICY

According to federal regulations, all students applying for federal Student Financial Assistance (SFA) programs under Title IV funds are required to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) in order to receive aid. At the Alamo Colleges (AC) it is referred to as **Reasonable Academic Progress (RAP)**.

Reasonable Academic Progress (RAP):

A student's progress is evaluated every academic year. The evaluation includes course work attempted whether or not the student received financial aid during previous years. All academic history is considered (**including transfer courses attempted.**) After the Spring Semester grades are posted a new RAP evaluation is performed. The new evaluation is applied to the upcoming academic year.

Academic Requirements:

To maintain satisfactory academic progress, a student **must complete all three** of the following requirements:

- 1) Maintain a minimum of **2.0 Grade Point Average (GPA)**, "C" or better, for each semester enrolled and cumulative;
- 2) Complete **sixty-seven percent (67%)** of all course work attempted; and
- 3) Complete the program of study **within 99 hours of attempted course work** including remedial and all transfer hours.

RAP -- CODES

RC1: Satisfactory Progress

Student is meeting all three of the Reasonable Academic Progress requirements listed above.

RC2: Probation Status

Student's failure to meet either of the first two Academic Requirements listed above. This status is the direct result of an insufficient completion percentage of credit hours attempted (less than 67%) or the Grade Point Average (GPA) is below 2.0. While on Probation Status, a student may receive financial assistance, however, must improve during that semester or may lose future eligibility. Students on probation, may be restricted from certain financial aid programs. Applicants must "petition" to be considered for any government student loans.

RC4: Suspension Status

A student who failed to complete 67% of all course work attempted and failed to maintain a 2.0 GPA or failed to complete their program of study within 99 hours of attempted course work:

- 1) The student is **no longer eligible** to receive financial assistance (including student loans), and consequently, all future financial aid is cancelled.
- 2) A student on suspension is allowed to enroll in classes, however, **must be prepared to pay his or her own tuition** and other expenses without financial assistance.
- 3) Financial Aid Suspension at anyone of the Alamo Community Colleges is applicable to all other ACC colleges.
- 4) Students may appeal the suspension to the Student Financial Services Office by submitting our Appeal form.*

RC3: Approved With Conditions

Students who request an appeal and are approved with conditions:

- Each appeal will be reviewed on its own merit.
- Students will be monitored and evaluated at the end of the approved semester.
- Students who fail to **complete a 2.0 GPA and a 67% completion rate** of all attempted credit hours will be placed back on suspension.
- Students with over 99 attempted credit hours **must complete** all classes within the timeframe of the approved degree program with academic progress.
- Stafford Loans will not be approved for students on a RAP 3 (Appeal Status).
- Second appeals after the second suspension **will not be accepted** and the student must be prepared to pay tuition, fees and all other educational expenses.

*Students who submit an Appeal Form must be prepared to pay tuition & fees pending the results of the appeal process.