

## **Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)/Academic Probation Warning**

On April 29, 2013, the UNC system adopted the Fostering Undergraduate Student Success (FUSS) Policy to be implemented effective Fall 2014. This policy set Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) and degree attainment (graduation) as primary outcomes for every UNC system school. Students are considered to have made Satisfactory Academic Progress each semester when they earn at least 67% of their total attempted institutional credit hours.

**“Attempted institutional credit hours” in this case includes ALMOST ALL hours attempted at the Appalachian, including courses dropped after the drop/add period, repeated courses--both the initial attempt and the retake(s), withdrawals (even from an entire semester and for any reason), medical course reductions, and developmental courses.**

In fact, the ONLY attempted hours NOT included are in cases of military deployment and when drops are used administratively when changing a section (e.g., a student has been attending the wrong section) or when changing a course for another course (e.g., student is in MAT 1025 and the faculty member thinks she should be in the higher level MAT 1110 so the switch is administratively made). **Transfer credit hours are NOT included in attempted hours at Appalachian.**

**If a student does not meet 67% SAP during a particular semester, an “academic probation warning” (sometimes referred to as a “SAP warning”) will be sent to the student’s App State email address at the end of the semester.**

**The SAP warning is just that: a warning. It does NOT count as a semester of academic probation but CAN impede progress towards graduation and COULD negatively impact financial aid eligibility** (contact the Office of Financial Aid for more information). It is an alert that the student needs to take action to improve academic progress towards graduation and sometimes academic performance. *It will not show on the student transcript, but it is viewable for students as an option called “Academic Standing and Progress” on AppalNet Self Service on the Student Tab under Student Records.*

Often students receive SAP warning notices because they have withdrawn from an entire semester and/or have repeated courses, and/or have dropped courses. These students are often in good academic standing, having achieved a cumulative 2.0 GPA or higher, and may have even earned Dean’s or Chancellor’s list status.

**Additionally, some students who receive SAP warning notices are also on academic probation and receive an email indicating that academic status as well. In these cases, the notation regarding academic probation would be identified on the student transcript, while the SAP warning would not.**

You can also find frequently asked questions (FAQs) about Satisfactory Academic Progress on the [Registrar’s website](#).