

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)/Academic Probation Warning

The UNC system adopted the Fostering Student Success (FUSS) policies, and one of the policies is based on Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) which went into effect fall 2014. Therefore, in order for students to meet Satisfactory Academic progress at Appalachian, they must earn at least 67% of their total attempted institutional credit hours.

If a student does not meet 67% SAP, he/she will be placed on “SAP warning” (which in written form will appear as “academic probation warning”) and will be sent an academic probation warning mailer to his/her permanent address at the end of the semester.

“Attempted institutional credit hours” in this case include ALMOST ALL hours attempted at the institution 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 even for medical and psychological withdrawals), 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 in MAT 1025 and the faculty member thinks he 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.**

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 be identified on the student transcript, but it is viewable for students as an option called “Academic Standing” 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Often students receive SAP warning notices because they have withdrawn from an entire semester and/or have repeated courses, and/or have dropped courses.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, or having earned Dean’s or Chancellor’s list status.

Additionally, some students who receive SAP warning notices are also on academic probation and would receive a mailer indicating that academic status. 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 Satisfactory Academic Progress frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the [Registrar’s website](#).