

### Satisfactory Progress Requirements- Probation/Suspension

Pursuant to Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 668.16, one of the basic institutional administrative requirements is to determine a student's eligibility for Title IV aid based on reasonable standards for measuring whether students are maintaining satisfactory academic progress in the completion of their educational programs.

### FEDERAL AID PROGRAMS

All students receiving Title IV financial aid monies (Pell Grant, Academic Competitiveness Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), Leveraging Educational Assistance Program (LEAP), Federal Work-Study Program, and Stafford/PLUS Loans) must meet the following academic standards:

### EWC Satisfactory Academic Progress Policies for Financial Aid

To be eligible for federally funded financial aid programs, and Institutional Awards at Eastern Wyoming College, all students must initially and continually meet the following qualitative and quantitative requirements for satisfactory academic progress (SAP). The Federal Aid Programs include Federal Pell Grants, ACG, FSEOG, LEAP, Federal Work-Study, and Federal Stafford and PLUS loans. The Institutional Aid Programs include scholarships, activity grants, and institutional work-study.

Satisfactory Academic Progress will be reviewed and determined before aid is initially awarded, then at the end of each spring semester during the student's program of study. *One-year programs, certain donor funded scholarships, and students on Financial Aid probationary status will be checked each semester.*

#### QUALITATIVE MEASURE

Students must have a minimum 2.00 cumulative college Grade Point Average (GPA) to be eligible and to remain eligible for federal financial aid at EWC. GPA requirements for Institutional Awards vary. Please refer to your scholarship award letter for more information. Specific details regarding the Wyoming State Hathaway Scholarship Program, the Academic Competitiveness Grant, and certain donor funded scholarships are available in the EWC Financial Aid Office.

#### QUANTITATIVE MEASURE

In calculating the quantitative measure, all credit hours attempted will be considered. These include, but are not limited to, courses passed, courses from which the student withdrew, courses failed, repeated courses, transfer courses, and remedial/developmental coursework.

If a student has already received a degree or certificate, or is changing majors, the student will need to file an EWC Petition for Extension for Federal Financial Aid. Only those courses that apply to their new program will be considered in the quantitative measure.

EWC Financial Aid recipients must earn/pass at least 75% of the credit hours attempted during each award year with the exception of some Institutional Awards. For certain Institutional Awards, students must successfully complete a minimum of 24 credit hours each academic year. Please refer to your scholarship award letter for more information.

Returning EWC students must have earned 75% of all credit hours attempted - even if they did not receive financial aid. If their cumulative college GPA is below 2.0 or they have completed less than the 75% of all credit hours attempted, students may be awarded aid on a probationary status.

Students may receive financial aid if they have attempted below 150% of the credit hours required to complete their programs. To determine the maximum allowable credit hours for a specific program of study, please refer to the following chart:

## Financial Aid

<u>Program Type</u>	<u>Total Credit Hours Required</u>	<u>Maximum Attempted Hours Allowed For Aid Eligibility</u>
AA	Between 64 and 80	96 to 120
AS	Between 64 and 72	96 to 108
AAS	Between 62 and 94	93 to 141
Certificate	31 to 34	46.5 to 51

After a student has attempted 30 hours of developmental/remedial credit hours, the student cannot receive financial aid for developmental/remedial credit hours. From that point forward, developmental/remedial credit hours will count in the student's attempted hours but not in enrollment status or cost of attendance for financial aid purposes.

### REGAINING FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY

It is the student's responsibility to request that the Financial Aid Office re-evaluate their academic record to determine if financial aid eligibility has been re-established once suspended from federal financial aid. A student may regain eligibility for federal student aid if they successfully complete an equivalent course load as when suspended from aid, with a 2.0 semester GPA - at their own expense.

### FINANCIAL AID APPEALS

If a student is suspended from federal financial aid for not meeting the EWC Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements, the student may appeal.

A student may appeal their suspension if he/she feels there are mitigating circumstances, such as personal injury, death of a family member, illness, etc. Documentation such as doctor's note, hospital records, etc. should be provided. **Students are allowed a maximum of two financial aid appeals at EWC.** Students will no longer be eligible for financial aid at EWC after two appeals.

All appeals must be submitted on the EWC Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal for Federal Financial Aid form, available in the EWC Financial Aid Office or on the EWC website ([ewc.wy.edu](http://ewc.wy.edu)), and should include complete and appropriate supporting documentation. Properly submitted appeals will be considered by the Financial Aid Appeals Committee. Incomplete appeals will not be considered.

If the student's appeal is approved, the student will be placed on financial aid probation and SAP will be reviewed at the end of each semester. He/she must earn 100% of all hours attempted for the semester AND must achieve a 2.00 GPA for the semester. Once the student's cumulative GPA reaches 2.00, and/or the student has a 75% completion rate SAP will be reviewed at the increments stated in the EWC SAP Policy.

If the student's appeal is denied, he/she may NOT receive federal financial aid until he/she has earned the deficient number of hours and/or a 2.00 cumulative GPA at THE STUDENT'S OWN EXPENSE. He/she may NOT appeal again to gain approval. **The appeal committee decision is final.**

**Extension to 150% Credit Hour Limit:** If a student feels there are mitigating circumstances as to why the student should be allowed to exceed to the 150% hour limit, the student may appeal to the Financial Aid Appeals Committee.

All requests must be submitted on the EWC Petition for Extension form, available in the Financial Aid Office or on the EWC website ([ewc.wy.edu](http://ewc.wy.edu)) and must include complete and appropriate supporting documentation. Properly submitted requests will be considered by the Financial Aid Appeals Committee. Incomplete requests will not be considered.

\*These policies are subject to revision at any time, without notice, due to changes in Federal Regulations or Institutional Policies\*