Undergraduate Students:

In order to be eligible to receive federal student aid, an undergraduate student must be making satisfactory academic progress in his/her coursework as directed by the U.S. Department of Education. This policy also applies to recipients of the Sumners Grant and McKinstry loan funds.

There are three standards that are used to measure satisfactory academic progress for the undergraduate student at The University of Mississippi.

Standard One

An undergraduate student must be passing at least 67% of the hours that he/she has attempted at The University of Mississippi.

Standard Two

An undergraduate student's total number of hours attempted at The University of Mississippi and all other institutions (including attempted hours gained in pursuit of prior undergraduate degrees or attempted hours gained in prior declared majors) cannot equal or exceed 190 hours.

Standard Three

An undergraduate student must achieve the minimum cumulative resident GPA of 2.00 in his/her course of study at The University of Mississippi. The cumulative resident University GPA does NOT include transfer work.

Each student’s academic record is reviewed against these standards at the end of each spring term. An undergraduate student failing to meet one or more of these standards is placed on financial aid suspension beginning with the May summer term. A student who is placed on financial aid suspension is ineligible to receive any federal student aid as well as some forms of institutional aid. Students placed on financial aid suspension will be notified of said suspension by email at the student university email address within five business days of final grade postings.

A student who fails to maintain satisfactory academic progress may submit a Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal online to the Office of Financial Aid and should cite any special or mitigating circumstances he/she believes should be considered. Students who are submitting appeals due to overall attempted hours over 190 at the undergraduate level should provide a target expected graduation date and an academic enrollment plan detailing the remaining classes required for the desired degree and when the student plans to complete each of them. Only the Office of Financial Aid determines a student's eligibility for financial aid as directed by the Department of Education.

Appeals will be reviewed by committee. If approved, the student is placed on financial aid probation and allowed to receive federal student aid for one semester (or the combined summer session). An assigned probation term will include academic requirements that must be met in order to receive aid for future terms. A student that is denied aid for failure to meet these satisfactory academic progress standards may submit a written appeal for the next term in which he/she will enroll, or may reestablish eligibility once he/she meets the standards. Students on financial aid probation will have their terms reviewed immediately upon final grade posting at the end of each term and will be notified of the outcome of their probation by email at the student university email address within five business days of final grade postings.
Students should also note the following:

- If a student leaves or is asked to leave the University of Mississippi for any reason and the student is on financial aid suspension, the student still will be on financial suspension when he/she returns.

- Neither being allowed to return to the University by the Office of the Registrar nor admittance to the University by the academic restart program will change the student's financial aid eligibility status. Grades removed from a student’s transcript and GPA calculation by the Academic Forgiveness program are still considered in GPA calculations for federal student aid eligibility purposes.

- Students cannot receive federal student aid for repeating a passed course (received credit) more than ONE time, regardless if credit is provided again.

- Incomplete grades will count as failed attempted hours until a failing grade is verified by the instructor or a different letter grade is provided.

- Withdrawals or grades of “W” are counted as attempted hours in GPA calculations and pass percentage calculations.

- ESL (English as a Second Language) courses will be counted as part of a degree seeking student course load for purposes of federal aid.

- Up to one year (30 semester hours) of remedial courses can be counted in a student’s enrollment for purposes of the receipt of federal aid.

A student who has been denied probation by the committee can request an in-person hearing to petition for reinstatement. Although there is no set limit on the number of semesters in which a written appeal may be submitted, only one in-person hearing will be allowed for an undergraduate student.

The Office of Financial Aid publicizes deadlines for submitting appeals each term. This information is available at [http://www.olemiss.edu/finaid/AppealIntro.html](http://www.olemiss.edu/finaid/AppealIntro.html)

University aid programs and state aid programs as well as other scholarships may have differing requirements for continued eligibility.

The Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal is different from the Scholarship Appeal and the Academic Standing Appeal. If required, the forms for each must be filed separately. For more information regarding these appeals, please refer to the section on ‘University Scholarship Appeal’ and/or the Undergraduate Catalogue for Academic Standing Appeal information.

**Graduate Students:**

Federal Title IV student aid recipients must maintain satisfactory academic progress. In order to continue to be eligible to receive assistance, graduate students must achieve and maintain a 3.00 cumulative grade-point average. The cumulative GPA is based on course work at The University of Mississippi only.

Graduate students will not be eligible to receive aid once they have attempted 72 total hours in pursuit of a Master’s degree, 100 hours in pursuit a Specialist degree, or a grand total of 160 hours in pursuit of all graduate degrees, including Doctorate.

Satisfactory academic progress is checked at the end of each spring semester. Students failing to meet the standard are placed on financial aid suspension beginning with the summer term. Students placed on financial aid suspension are ineligible to receive any federal student aid as well as some forms of institutional aid. **Students placed on financial aid suspension will be notified of said suspension by email at the student university email address within five business days of final grade postings.**
Students who fail to maintain satisfactory academic progress may submit an appeal online to the Office of Financial Aid citing any special or mitigating circumstances they believe should be considered. **Students who are submitting appeals due to exceeding allowed overall attempted hours should provide a target expected graduation date and an academic enrollment plan detailing the remaining classes required for the desired degree and when the student plans to complete each of them.** Students submitting successful appeals are placed on financial aid probation and allowed to receive federal student aid for one semester. Each successful appeal includes academic requirements that must be met to receive aid beyond the one semester. **Students on financial aid probation will have their terms reviewed immediately upon final grade posting at the end of each term and will be notified of the outcome of their probation by email at the student university email address within five business days of final grade postings.**

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Fellowship and assistantship programs have differing requirements for continuing eligibility. Contact the Graduate School or your academic department for specific criteria.

**Law Students:**

Federal Title IV student aid recipients must maintain satisfactory academic progress. In order to continue to be eligible to receive assistance, Law Students must meet the following requirements: at the end of the spring semester of the first year, 1L students (31-37 hours) must have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.00, unless they are allowed by petition approved by the law faculty to receive an additional semester of probation. Upper class students (38-90 hours) must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.00, unless they have not used the allowed probationary semester, in which case they have 1 semester to achieve the required 2.00 GPA.

Hours are based on the combined total law hours at The University of Mississippi and other institutions. The cumulative GPA is based on course work at The University of Mississippi only. Law students are no longer eligible to receive aid once they have attempted 120 total hours.

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Scholarship and state grant programs have differing requirements for continuing eligibility. Contact the Office of Financial Aid for specific criteria.
Pharmacy Students:

For students classified as Pre-Pharmacy, Early Entry (EE 1-3), and Professional Year 1 (PY1), satisfactory academic progress is defined by the same standards applicable to other UM undergraduate students as these students are in the B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences degree program. See Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy for undergraduate students.

Students enrolled in the Doctor of Pharmacy program (PY2-PY4) must meet the following standards in order to be eligible for Title IV student aid.

**Standard One**

The student must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on courses designated as required for PY2, PY3, and PY4 students.

**Standard Two**

The student must receive no letter grade below "C" in any individual, required course.

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