

## Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy

### Satisfactory Academic Progress Institutional Policy derived from (34 CFR sec. 668.34)

- (a) If an eligible student is enrolled in a program of study of more than two years, to be eligible to receive title IV, HEA program assistance after each semester, the student must be making satisfactory progress under the provisions of paragraphs (b), (c), (d) and (e) of this section.
- (b) A student is making satisfactory progress if, at the end of the semester, the student has a grade point average of at least a “C” or its equivalent, and the student must complete (earn) at least six credit hours regardless of enrollment status\*. Student with a grade point average below a “D” and earned credit hours below the minimum are subject to immediate suspension.  
\*(Students less-than-half time must complete all of their attempted credit hours to remain eligible.)
- (c) The maximum time frame cannot exceed 150% of the published length of the program measured in credit hours attempted. Given most Associate Degree programs require 63 credit hours, the maximum credit hours at Snow College is 95 attempted hours.
- (d) An institution may find that a student is making satisfactory progress even though the student does not satisfy the requirements in paragraph (b) of this section, if the institution determines that the student’s failure to meet those requirements based upon...
  - a. The death of a close relative of the student;
  - b. An injury or severe illness of the student; or
  - c. Other special circumstances approved by the institutions financial aid appeals committee. (All ADA issues should have been declared prior to receiving financial aid and, if not registered, may not be considered as unusual circumstance in an appeal.)
- (e) If a student is not making satisfactory progress at the end of the semester, but at the end of a subsequent grading period comes into compliance with the institution’s requirements for satisfactory progress, the institution may consider the student as making satisfactory progress beginning with the next grading period.
- (f) Default Prevention: Any student not meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress will not be eligible for financial aid. In the event that a student appeals on the basis of unusual circumstances we will not certify loans nor will we grant work-study if the cumulative grade point average is below a “D” or 1.00 average.