**Heritage University**

**Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Standards**

**Graduate Students**

Federal and state financial aid regulations require schools to set minimum standards for satisfactory academic progress and to hold students accountable for meeting the standards. Satisfactory Academic Progress is checked prior to awarding aid, even if students did not receive financial aid in past quarters. It is also checked at the end of every semester aid is

received. Satisfactory Academic Progress is measured two ways: 1) Qualitative and 2) Quantitative. This document

outlines the requirements for financial aid satisfactory academic progress at Heritage University and is subject to change. It

is the student’s responsibility to read and understand the standards for satisfactory progress Policy.

Graduate level Satisfactory Standards:

Term and Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) => 3.0

Term and Cumulative Pace (successfully completed credits/attempted credits) => 67%

Maximum Time Frame: < 32 credits attempted in pursuit of degree completion

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|   | **FINANCIAL AID SAP DEFINITIONS**  |
|    | * **QUALITATIVE SAP STANDARDS:** Refers to SAP requirement to maintain a minimum of a 2.0 cumulative GPA (see Qualitative Standards section below for more information)
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|    | * **QUANTITATIVE SAP STANDARDS:** Refers to SAP requirement to maintain a rate of 67% or greater cumulative credit completion rate (see Quantitative Standards section below for more information)
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|     | * **WARNING:** Students on warning are eligible for financial aid. A student placed on warning must successfully complete cumulative quantitative and qualitative SAP standards by the end of their next quarter. Failure to do so will result in a termination and the student will no longer be eligible for financial aid funds.
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|      | * **SUSPENSION:** Students in suspended status are not eligible to receive financial aid funds. Review “Earning Reinstatement” in this document for information on how to submit an appeal if you were suspended due to extraordinary circumstances or qualify for self-reinstatement.
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|        | * **PROBATION:** Students on probation are students who have been suspended from financial aid and have had an Appeal for Financial Aid Reinstatement approved. Students reinstated to probation are required to follow specified conditions to maintain good standing. Conditions are discussed at the time an appeal is approved. Failure to meet these conditions during the probationary period will result in termination of student financial aid for all future quarters.
* **PACE OF PROGRESSION:** Refers to student’s rate of progression toward completing the degree requirements at Cascadia. This pace is determined based upon reviewing cumulative/total credits earned versus cumulative/total credits attempted. Earned credit describes all coursework where a grade above a 0.0 is received and credit is earned. Attempted credits include transfer/assessment credits and classes for which no grade was earned.
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**SAP review performed at the end of each Semester**

**Students who started the term meeting SAP Standards:**

**GPA**

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Term GPA is above 3.0.

**AND**

**Pace**

-

 Completed more than 67% of hours enrolled

**AND**

**Maximum Time Frame**

-

 Has less than 32 credits

attempted

as calculated by the registrar’s office.

**Warning**

**SAP Standards met**

YES

NO

**Students who started the term in a “warning” status:**

**Suspension**

YES

YES

NO

**SAP Standards met**

NO

**GPA**

-

Previous

term

GPA

warning

and

*consecutive*

term GPA is below

3.0

**OR**

**Pace -**

 Previous term Pace warning

and

*consecutively*

completed less

than 67% of term hours enrolled

**GPA**

**-**

Term GPA

and

cumulative

GPA above 3.0

**AND**

**Pace -**

 Completed more than

% of hours enrolled

and

67

more than 67% cumulative

**End of term status’ resulting in immediate Financial Aid Suspension:**

**GPA**

-

Term GPA is 0.00

or

cumulative GPA is less 3.0

**OR**

**Pace**

 0 Hours enrolled

-

**OR**

**Maximum Time Frame**

-

 48 or more hours attempted

as calculated by the registrar’s office.

YES

**Immediate**

**Suspension**

**Warning**