

NMHU Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Process Changes

Previous SAP	New Changes to SAP	Advantages of New SAP
<p>UNDERGRADUATE: Pace of Progression is calculated by dividing number of cumulative completed credit hours by the total number of attempted credit hours. 1-29 attempted hours = 65% 30-59 attempted hours = 70% 60-89 attempted hours = 75% 90 plus attempted hours = 80%</p>	<p>Pace of Progression for all undergraduate students will be identical: Must complete 67% of attempted credit hours at all times.</p>	<p>Less restrictive criteria for upper classmen to continue their financial aid as they progress toward their degree completion. A more equitable and consistent set of criteria for all students.</p>
<p>UNDERGRADUATE: GPA requirements- If a minimum GPA as stated below is not met, the result is financial aid ineligibility. 1-29 attempted hours = 1.75 cumulative GPA Above 30 attempted hours = 2.0 cumulative GPA Certificate Program (formerly Education Licensure Program) must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA</p>	<p>GPA requirement will be a 2.0 for all undergraduate students at all grade levels. Students with the Lottery scholarship will still be required to maintain the 2.5 GPA in order to continue with their scholarship.</p>	<p>Better aligns GPA requirements with academic standards to allow all students to have consistent requirements. GPA to maintain aid eligibility will be identical as the requirement to graduate from NMHU. That minimum is at least a 2.0 GPA</p>
<p>GRADUATE: Pace of Progression must complete 80% of attempted hours at all times.</p>	<p>Pace of progression for graduate students will move to 67% attempted hours at all times.</p>	<p>Less restrictive to help students complete their program. Change will assist primarily students who are non-traditional and are not able to attend full-time or have to drop coursework due to family obligations.</p>
<p>GRADUATE: GPA requirements; Must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA at all times.</p>	<p>GPA requirements will remain at 3.0 at all times.</p>	<p>Aligns with academic requirement of 3.0 for all programs. No changes made to this requirement.</p>
<p>Second Bachelor's Degree Any attempted credit hours must have 80% pace of progression.</p>	<p>Any attempted credit hours must have 67% pace of progression.</p>	<p>Less restrictive to students to allow time for them to complete their program.</p>
<p>UNDERGRADUATE and GRADUATE No Warning semester</p>	<p>Implemented a "Warning" semester where students can fail to meet the required criteria for GPA or Pace of Progression AND be allowed to receive financial aid for one following semester.</p>	<p>Allows for students to be able to improve their Pace of Progression or GPA during the "Warning" Semester. Allows for appeals committee to determine if the student is showing progress during the "Warning" semester.</p>
<p>UNDERGRADUATE and GRADUATE: Maximum time frame is no more than 150% of the time it normally takes to receive a degree for that particular program. When students reach 125%, they fall into suspension and are required to complete an appeal form along with a degree audit to demonstrate the time frame needed to complete their program.</p>	<p>An average time frame of all programs is now used to identify all students when they reach the 125% of the program by putting them into "Review Status". Students will be contacted to let them know they are within 30 credit hours from reaching the 150% time frame for their program. We will recommend they meet with their academic advisor to map out completing their degree as soon as possible. They will continue to receive financial aid during this time.</p>	<p>Notification via email and letter to students who are within 30 hours of falling into suspension. This allows them time to plan to either complete their degree/program or to make payments arrangements to finish the final hours they need for their degree. They can also begin to prepare their appeal to continue their financial aid if they are close to completing the requirements for the degree. This may mean providing documentation of a degree summary illustrating they are close to completing their degree.</p>