

Federal Satisfactory Academic Progress Standard

You must be making satisfactory academic progress towards the completion of your associate degree in order to remain eligible for federal financial aid at BMCC.

There are 3 components to the college's federal satisfactory academic progress standard:

- 1. Minimum GPA** -- You must achieve the GPA required to meet the college's minimum retention standard (that is, you cannot be on academic probation, special probation or academic dismissal). See the center panel to learn more about this requirement.
- 2. Maximum Time-frame** -- You may attempt not more than 150% of the credits normally required for completion of the degree (that is, you may attempt no more than 90 credits to earn 60).
- 3. Pace of Progression** -- You must successfully complete a certain percentage of the total number of credits that you attempt according to the chart in the center panel.

Pace of Progression Chart

Credits Attempted	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	84	90
Credits Earned	0	2	4	6	13	19	23	27	33	39	44	49	55	61

About the Minimum GPA Requirement

While enrolled at BMCC, the college uses your cumulative GPA to evaluate how you are progressing in your studies. The following minimum retention standards must be met in order to avoid academic probation or academic dismissal:

Cumulative Credits Attempted	Minimum GPA Required
1 – 12	1.50
13 – 24	1.75
25 – upward	2.00

How Often is Progress Evaluated?

Once a year after the spring term your academic record will be measured against the three progress components to determine if you are making satisfactory academic progress. All courses on your permanent academic record and all courses accepted for transfer are included even if you received no federal financial aid for those courses.



Financial Aid Suspension

If, at the point of evaluation, you have fallen below the college's minimum GPA standard, exceeded the maximum time-frame, or failed to meet the pace of progression standard, you will be placed on financial aid suspension and lose your eligibility to participate in the federal student aid programs. You will remain ineligible for federal student aid until you take actions that once again bring you into compliance with the appropriate progress standard.



Your Right To Appeal

If you have been placed on financial aid suspension, you may appeal to the Committee on Academic Standing to regain eligibility to receive federal student aid. If you decide to appeal, you may obtain a Title IV Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal in the Registrar's Office or the Financial Aid Office.

More About Your Appeal

Your appeal must be based on mitigating circumstances resulting from events in your life, such as personal illness or injury, illness or death of a family member, loss of employment, or changes in your academic program. You must explain how these circumstances caused you not to make satisfactory progress and what changes you have made that would allow you to meet the appropriate progress standard in a future evaluation. Your appeal must also include a reasonable and attainable academic plan that, if followed, will ensure that you will complete your academic program or make substantive progress towards completing your program in the terms for which you wish to receive financial assistance.

Financial Aid Probation

If your appeal is granted, you will be placed on financial aid probation and have your federal student aid eligibility reinstated for one semester. At the end of the initial probationary semester, your record will be reviewed to determine if you have fulfilled the requirements specified in your academic plan.

If you meet the conditions of your academic plan while on financial aid probation, you will continue to receive federal student aid on a monitored, semester-by-semester basis until the next scheduled progress evaluation.

Re-establishing Eligibility

Other than having eligibility restored through filing a successful appeal, you may only have your financial aid suspension removed by taking actions that bring you into compliance with the appropriate progress standard.

If you remain enrolled without receiving federal financial aid, you may request a review of your academic record after any term you were on financial aid suspension to determine whether you are once again meeting the standard of satisfactory progress. If the standard is met, you will regain eligibility for federal aid in the subsequent terms of the academic year.

Readmitted Students

Upon readmission after any period of non-enrollment, your academic progress standing will be what it was at the end of your last semester of attendance. If you were not making satisfactory academic progress due to an academic probation or dismissal, you will be on financial aid suspension upon your return and will have to file an appeal to have your eligibility for federal aid restored. Any action you took during your period of non re-enrollment that would have brought you back into compliance with the progress standard (such as successfully completing transferable courses at another institution) is factored into the assessment of your eligibility.



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