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SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP) POLICY

All matriculated students pursuing an approved program at YOEC are required to maintain satisfactory academic progress, which is defined below by the institution.

SAP standards are the same for all matriculated students, regardless of whether they receive federal financial aid. Satisfactory academic progress consists of two principal components: a qualitative standard and a quantitative standard. The institution uses standard rounding procedures when evaluating both standards. Satisfactory academic progress is always evaluated on a cumulative basis, and at the end of each semester, both standards are reviewed. A report is generated to indicate whether the student is meeting SAP requirements. If a student is readmitted, their academic file is evaluated to determine whether they are meeting satisfactory academic progress requirements.

Below is a comprehensive explanation of the qualitative and quantitative standards at YOEC.

- **Qualitative Standard**

A student is required to maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (the equivalent of a “C” average) or better. Every student is evaluated at the end of each semester to ensure that they are maintaining this minimum cumulative GPA.

Grade point averages are calculated according to the following numerical equivalents:

A	4.0	C	2.0
A-	3.7	C-	1.7
B+	3.3	D	1.0
B	3.0	I (Incomplete)	not included in calculation of GPA
B-	2.7	W(Withdrawn)	not included in calculation of GPA
C+	2.3	F (Fail)	0.0

Courses with a grade of Incomplete or Withdrawn do not impact the GPA. However, courses with a grade of Fail - whether earned or unearned - are included in the GPA calculation. If a student receives failing grades for all of their courses, they will generally be considered as having unofficially withdrawn unless there is evidence showing they completed the semester.

- **Quantitative Standard**

- **Maximum Timeframe – measured in credit hours**

A student must make sufficient progress through the academic program to complete the program with a maximum attempted credit ceiling equivalent to 150% of the published length of the program in credit hours.

- **Pace of Completion**

A student must earn at least 67% of the cumulative credits they attempt. Progress is assessed by dividing the total cumulative credits earned by the total cumulative credits attempted. If this percentage is 67% or greater, the student is determined to be meeting the pace element.

WHEN SAP IS NOT MET

WARNING

If a student fails to meet the SAP standards, they will be notified by email or mail and granted a one-semester warning period. They will also be notified that they may appeal the lack of satisfactory academic progress at any point in the process. During this warning period, a designated faculty member may counsel the student and assist them in improving their academic performance. Additionally, the student may receive various student services including tutoring, scheduling accommodation, or other academic assistance. If SAP standards are still not met after this warning period, the student will be subject to academic discipline which may include suspension, or expulsion from the institution.

Financial Aid Warning

If a student falls below the satisfactory academic progress standards, they will be notified by mail or email and granted a one-semester federal financial aid warning period, during which time they will remain eligible for financial aid. Additionally, they will be notified of their option to appeal their SAP status in order to be granted a financial aid probationary period. During the warning period, the student may receive academic counseling and student services as described above. If satisfactory academic progress standards are still not met after this period, the student will be notified by mail or email that they are no longer eligible for financial aid.

FEDERAL APPEALS PROCESS

A student may appeal the institution's determination that they are not making satisfactory academic progress. Bases for an appeal include a student's injury or illness, the death of a relative, or other special circumstances. In the appeal, the student must describe why they failed to make satisfactory academic progress, and what changed in their situation that will allow them to demonstrate satisfactory academic progress at the next evaluation. The appeal, along with any relevant documentation, must be submitted in writing to the registrar's office. A senior faculty member will review the information provided by the student and, if necessary, consult with other faculty members, before reaching a decision.

If the appeal is accepted, the senior faculty member will determine whether the student can meet the standard SAP requirements of the institution by the end of a one-semester probationary period. If it is determined that the student will be able to meet the standard SAP requirements after the probationary period, they will be placed on academic probation as outlined below. However, if it is determined that the student will not be able to meet the standard SAP requirements by the end of the probationary period, they will be placed on academic probation with a customized study plan, as described below. A student on academic probation, with or without a study plan, will continue to be eligible for federal financial aid.

If the appeal is not accepted, the student will be subject to academic discipline, which may include suspension or expulsion from the institution. They will also be ineligible for federal financial aid until they reestablish eligibility, as described below in the section entitled "Reestablishing Aid Eligibility". The final

decision - academic probation with or without a study plan, or denial of the appeal - will be conveyed to the student by mail or email.

CAL GRANT APPEALS PROCESS

A student may appeal the institution's determination that he is not making satisfactory academic progress with an electronic or hard copy financial aid appeal.

A student may appeal the determination during any subsequent term following loss of financial aid eligibility. There is no limit on the total number of appeals that may be submitted by a student throughout the duration of the student's enrollment, however a student may only appeal once per term. Each appeal that is denied will be subject to the second review process described below. YOEC's deadline for submitting an appeal is three weeks before the end of each term.

A student who previously disenrolled while being ineligible to receive financial aid may appeal the loss of financial aid upon reenrollment, and the timing for consideration of the appeal will allow the student, if the student meets the criteria for financial aid reinstatement, to qualify for reinstatement upon the first term of reenrollment.

The institution will provide a student who is ineligible to receive financial aid with written notice of the financial aid appeals process, including the process for a student to file an appeal, information about the second review process for an appeal that is denied, and how a student may request a second review.

YOEC may consider any additional special circumstances that the institution deems appropriate, and will consider a broad range of special circumstances, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

- I. Death of a relative or other significant person.
- II. Injury or illness, including, but not limited to, behavioral health conditions, of the student or a relative or other significant person.
- III. Pregnancy or birth of a child.
- IV. Homelessness.
- V. Loss of childcare.
- VI. Loss or change in employment.
- VII. Loss of access to personal or public transportation.
- VIII. Being a victim of a serious crime, including, but not limited to, domestic abuse, even if the crime was not reported or did not result in criminal prosecution or civil liability.
- IX. Natural disaster.
- X. Change of major.

In the appeal, the student must describe why he failed to make satisfactory academic progress, and what has changed in his situation that will allow him to demonstrate satisfactory academic progress at the next evaluation. The appeal, along with any applicable documentation, must be submitted to the registrar's office. The institution will waive any requirement for third-party written documentation of the special circumstances forming the basis of an appeal if that documentation cannot be reasonably obtained by the student and the student signs a statement attesting to the veracity of the special circumstances presented as the grounds for appeal. A senior faculty member will consider all information provided by the student and consult with other faculty members, if necessary, to reach a decision.

YOEC will review the student's appeal and notify the student of the appeal decision within 45 days of submission of a complete appeal. The institution will not disenroll a student for nonpayment of tuition and fees while the student's appeal is pending.

If the appeal is accepted, the senior faculty member will determine whether the student will be able to meet the standard SAP requirements of the institution by the end of a one semester probationary period. If it is determined that the student will be able to meet the standard SAP requirements after the probationary period, he will be placed on academic probation as described below. However, if it is determined that the student will not be able to meet the standard SAP requirements by the end of the probationary period, he will be placed on academic probation with a customized study plan, as described below. A student on academic probation, with or without a study plan, will continue to be eligible for financial aid.

Second Review Process

If the appeal is denied, the institution will provide a second review process if requested by the student. The second review will be conducted by a reviewer who did not participate in the first review.

If the student does not request a second appeal process, or if the second appeal is denied, the student will be subject to academic discipline, which may include expulsion or suspension from the institution. He will also be ineligible for state financial aid until he reestablishes eligibility as described below in the section entitled "Reinstatement." The final decision, academic probation with or without a study plan or denial of the appeal, will be conveyed to the student by mail or email.

ACADEMIC PROBATION

If a student successfully appeals the lack of satisfactory academic progress, and it is determined that they can meet the standard SAP requirements after a probationary period, they will be placed on academic probation. Academic probation is a one-semester probationary period, at the end of which the student must meet the SAP standards of the institution. Upon request, the institution may provide various student services including academic counseling, tutoring, scheduling accommodation, or other academic assistance. A student on academic probation will continue to be eligible for financial aid.

ACADEMIC PROBATION WITH A STUDY PLAN

If a student successfully appeals the lack of satisfactory academic progress, and it is determined that they will not be able to meet the standard SAP requirements after a one-semester probationary period, they will be placed on academic probation with a study plan. This study plan will include customized SAP standards designed to help the student meet these requirements, as well as other academic provisions to assist them in meeting those standards. The plan will ensure that the student can meet the school's satisfactory progress standards by a specific time, though an academic plan could take the student all the way through successful program completion. A senior faculty member will develop the study plan in conjunction with the student and other faculty members, as needed. A student on academic probation with a study plan or a student with a study plan will continue to be eligible for financial aid.

A student must appeal to change their plan. They must explain what has happened to make the change necessary and how they will be able to make satisfactory academic progress.

REEVALUATION AFTER A PROBATIONARY PERIOD

At the end of the one-semester probationary period, the institution will reevaluate the student's satisfactory academic progress. If the student meets either the institution's standard SAP requirements or the satisfactory academic progress standards outlined in their study plan, they will be considered to be meeting SAP.

If the student's academic performance fails to meet the satisfactory academic progress standards of the institution, or the provisions of their study plan, they will be notified by mail or email that they no longer meet SAP standards. As a result, the student will be ineligible to receive financial aid, and will be subject to academic discipline which may include expulsion or suspension from the institution.

REESTABLISHING AID ELIGIBILITY

A student who becomes ineligible for federal financial aid due to not meeting satisfactory academic progress standards may reestablish eligibility by meeting those standards. Each student's satisfactory academic progress status is evaluated at the end of every semester. If a student who was previously not meeting SAP standards is now meeting them, they will be notified by mail or email that they have regained eligibility for financial aid.

INCOMPLETES

A student who has not completed all the required coursework for a particular course may, at the discretion of the instructor, receive additional time (up to six months) to complete the work. During this period, a temporary grade of Incomplete will be assigned.

Courses with a grade of Incomplete will be counted toward the student's number of credits attempted but not completed. While the Incomplete grade remains on the transcript, it will not factor into the student's GPA. At the conclusion of the extension period, the Incomplete grade will be replaced with the student's earned grade. If the required work is not completed within the allotted time, the student will receive a final grade based on the coursework previously completed.

WITHDRAWALS

A student who withdraws from a course will have the course grade recorded as Withdrawn. This grade will not be included in their GPA; however, the course will still be counted towards the number of credits attempted but not those completed.

TRANSFER CREDITS

Transfer credits are not included in the GPA calculation; however, they are counted toward both the number of credits attempted and credits earned by the student.

REPETITIONS

All repeated courses are counted in the number of the student's attempted credits, and are included in the student's GPA, including failing grades. A student repeating a course must remain within the time frame required for SAP standards.

A repeated course in which the student has already received a passing grade is counted towards the student's enrollment status only the first time the course is retaken. However, a repeated course in which the student received a failing grade is always counted towards their enrollment, regardless of how many times they repeat that course in an attempt to pass.

CHANGE OF MAJOR

When a student switches their major, only the credits and grades that are applicable to the new program of study will be considered when evaluating SAP.

REMEDIAL COURSES

The institution does not offer any remedial or English as a Second Language (ESL) courses.