

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

Office of Financial Aid

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS POLICY FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID

Federal regulations require schools to have a Satisfactory Academic Progress policy to carry out the statutory requirement that a student must be making **satisfactory progress** to be eligible for financial aid under the Student Financial Aid Programs. The policy must be cumulative and it must include any periods of enrollment in which the student did not receive aid from the Student Financial Aid Programs. Students applying for aid or receiving aid are subject to the regulations.

The regulations for Satisfactory Academic Progress were initially published in October of 1983 and were republished in December of 1987. The regulations require schools to develop and apply a consistent standard of academic progress and note the basic elements of a policy that measures Satisfactory Academic Progress.

The college Satisfactory Academic Progress policy for students receiving financial aid under the Student Financial Aid Programs includes the following:

- **a qualitative measure - grade point average (GPA)**
- **a quantitative measure of progress - maximum time-frame in which a student is expected to complete his program)**

The satisfactory Academic Progress policy at Morehouse College has been developed to ensure that the financial aid program at Morehouse College adheres to the requirements set forth by federal aid regulations. An assessment of the students progress will be made at least once per academic year, usually at the end of the Spring Term.

QUALITATIVE MEASURES- Required GPA

A financial aid recipient is required to meet the grade point average standards as listed below:

HOURS ATTEMPTED	MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE REQUIRED
0 - 25	1.7
26 - 57	1.8
58 - 88	1.9
89 and above	2.0

QUANTITATIVE MEASURE OF PROGRESS

The maximum time frame for a student to complete his four-year program is as follows:

ENROLLMENT STATUS	MAXIMUM TIME FRAME
Full - Time	5 years/10 semesters
$\frac{3}{4}$ Three - Fourths - Time	6 years/12 semester
$\frac{1}{2}$ One - Half - Time	8 Years/16 semesters

A financial aid recipient is required to satisfactorily complete the following minimum number of hours each year based on his enrollment:

NUMBER OF HOURS BASED ON ENROLLMENT	NUMBER OF ACADEMIC YEARS							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Full - Time (12 or more hours)	24	48	72	96	120			
³/₄ Three - Fourth Time (9-11 hours)	18	36	54	72	90	108		
¹/₂ One - Half Time (6-8 hours)	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96

The qualitative measure of the Satisfactory Academic Progress policy for financial aid, mirrors the academic regulations of the College. Students who have been enrolled at Morehouse College for two (2) or more semesters are subject to academic separation from the College if their cumulative grade point average falls below that required for the designated number of total hours earned according to the above schedule. Any student permitted to enroll is deemed to have a chance to complete his program and is considered to be making satisfactory academic progress according to the qualitative measure of the policy.

The Satisfactory Academic Progress policy reflects the academic regulations at Morehouse College as they pertain to the following:

- ◆ **Withdrawals**
- ◆ **Incomplete courses,**
- ◆ **Repeated courses,**
- ◆ **Remedial courses**
- ◆ **Transfer credits**

Course withdrawals, remedial courses and incomplete courses,

are counted in the hours attempted are counted towards the **quantitative** measure of the satisfactory academic progress policy.

Course withdrawals and incompletes,

are **not** counted in the student's grade point average and are **not** counted in the **qualitative** measure of the Satisfactory Academic Progress policy.

Transfer credits earned prior to the student's enrollment at Morehouse,

will be used for **qualitative** measure purposes to determine the minimum required grade point average based upon hours earned.

Transfer hours earned during the summer while a student is enrolled at Morehouse,

will be counted in the determination of satisfactory academic progress. Summer terms will not be counted as semesters and will be considered as an extension of the academic year. Hours earned will be counted towards the total hours earned.

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC APPEAL PROCESS

The College recognizes that mitigating circumstances sometimes prevent a student from performing according to the expected standards. The College reserves the right to allow a student to continue to receive financial aid if he does not meet the College's qualitative and quantitative standards because of mitigating circumstances. Any student not meeting the College's policy governing satisfactory academic progress may appeal to the Financial Aid Review Committee. The appeal must be submitted on the enclosed form and should outline that mitigating circumstances. The appeal form must be returned or faxed to the following:

Morehouse College
 Financial Aid Office - Financial Aid Review Committee - 830 Westview Drive, S.W. - Atlanta, GA 30314
 (FAX#: 404/215-2711)

Each appeal will be considered on its own merit. Thank you.