

Frequently Asked Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Questions

What is satisfactory academic progress? Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) is the minimum standards you must maintain to continue receiving financial aid funding. A complete copy of this policy is available in the [Carroll College catalog](#). You are responsible for reading and understanding this policy.

What if I drop a class? Dropping a class may affect the amount and type of funding for which you will be eligible. The effect will depend on the date you drop the class, the aid you've received, and the number of credits you drop. Dropping a class may also prevent you from maintaining compliance with SAP requirements. Before dropping any class, consult the Financial Aid Office. Please note: Dropping or withdrawing from a course after the drop/add period usually has no effect on your billing statement and/or financial aid award.

What if I withdraw from all of my classes? Completely withdrawing from all of your classes can have many different effects on your financial aid, depending on the date of the withdrawal. You may be required to repay all or part of your financial aid, you may be ineligible to receive any future financial aid funds, and you may be placed on Financial Aid Suspension for failure to maintain compliance with SAP requirements. Before completely withdrawing from Carroll College, consult the Financial Aid Office.

What if I stop attending all of my classes? If you fail all of your classes in one term because you stop attending, your last date of documented attendance will be determined and the effect on your financial aid will depend on that date. These effects include having to repay all or part of the financial aid that has been disbursed to you, inability to receive future financial aid until repayment has been made, and being placed on Financial Aid Suspension for failure to maintain compliance with SAP requirements. If you are in danger of failing a class or classes or wish to withdraw from the College, contact your academic advisor and consult the Financial Aid Office to determine the effect it will have on your financial aid.

What if I fail class/classes? A failed class may affect your ability to comply with SAP requirements. You may be placed on Financial Aid Probation or Suspension, which may affect your ability to receive financial aid in future terms. If you are in danger of failing a class or classes, contact your academic advisor and consult the Financial Aid Office to determine the effect it will have on your financial aid.

What if I receive an incomplete? An incomplete is treated the same as other non-completion grades such as W or F. This can negatively affect your compliance with SAP requirements. If you plan to take an incomplete, consult the Financial Aid Office.

How many terms can I receive financial aid? Federal regulations limit the amount of time you may be eligible to receive Federal financial aid. This limit is based on the number of credits required for your program of study. You may receive financial aid for up to 150% of those required credits. All attendance at Carroll College is included in your maximum time frame whether aid is received or not, including transfer credits. Regardless of this time frame, you must comply with all other SAP requirements.