



## Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy (SAP) Title IV Federal Student Assistance

Federal regulations (General Provision CRF 668.1) require that Albright College review the academic progress of a student before awarding Federal financial aid to assure the student has met and continues to meet the basic academic progress standards set forth by the College.

The Federal government requires a student receiving Federal aid to complete their degree within 150% of the published length of the academic program. Albright College also expects a full-time student to complete degree requirements within a maximum of 10 semesters and summer school (five years). The traditional academic programs at Albright College are four years in length. The requirement for a bachelor's degree is 31 units. To graduate within the traditional four years, a student must enroll for a minimum of 4 units per semester. Enrolling in 3 units per semester (minimum for a full-time status) extends graduation one full academic year. NOTE: Most aid programs only offer aid assistance for a total of 8 semesters. Therefore, extending past 8 semesters will make financing of the fifth year difficult.

All students enrolled at Albright College are subject to the academic standards of the college. As a participant in the federal financial aid programs (Title IV), students are also required to make satisfactory academic progress toward their degree using both qualitative and quantitative measures as defined below:

**Qualitatively**, your progress is defined as academic good standing at the College, or grade attainment of a cumulative GPA of 1.7 after your first year of attempted units, and a cumulative GPA of a 2.0 thereafter. Graduate students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0.

**Quantitatively**, you are required to complete 67% progress toward your graduation requirements. The measurement is the relationship between the cumulative units you have attempted to complete and those units you actually completed.

An aid recipient must display progress in both the qualitative and quantitative measures. If either test fails, the student is not making acceptable academic progress for the receipt of financial aid. Students are evaluated for progress at the end of the spring semester after final grades are submitted to Registrar. Students will be notified in June of any given year if they have not met the SAP guidelines for financial aid.

Students not making progress may appeal the results. A financial aid appeal form can be found on the financial aid website. Student must submit their appeal to the Financial Aid Office no later than August 5<sup>th</sup> the fall semester and January 6<sup>th</sup> for the spring semester. If approved, the student will be placed on financial aid probation for a period of one academic year and will be required to establish an approved academic plan designed in coordination with the Albright Academic Learning Center.