



# Financial Aid Standing



## **Students fail to complete classes (withdraws, fails, incompletes or a combination):**

Students who did not complete any classes are subject to the Return of Funds calculation. A formula is used to determine the amount of aid the student “earned” based on the number of days the student attended the semester. If a student receives Fs and they do not attend beyond 60% of the term, they are considered an unofficial withdraw and 50% of the aid they received could be returned based on their tuition and fees. This results in a bill owed to MSU Denver.

All students must adhere to our Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy: a student who does not complete any classes will be automatically placed on SAP (suspension) for the following semester. They can either appeal or pay for a semester on their own (2 classes minimum) and get a 2.25 GPA.

## **Students withdraw from some but not all classes:**

So long as a student passes one course, they are not subject to Return of Funds (except for the summer semester), however, their SAP status will be affected. Academic statuses (advisors can view on Banner with **RWISAPR**):

### **Good standing:**

- Cumulative GPA is at least 2.0,
- Cumulative completion rate is 75% or higher,
- Less than 130 total cumulative attempted hours; and,
- The difference between total attempted and total completed hours is less than 36 hours

### **Alert standing (eligible for aid, no need to appeal):**

- At least 67% completion rate but less than 75%,
- Attempted between 130-180 cumulative hours; and,
- Have not completed between 36-60 credit hours attempted

**SAP (suspension) students can appeal if they wish to receive financial aid for the next semester:**

- Cumulative GPA is below 2.0,
- Does not attain cumulative GPA 2.0 after a semester on probation,
- Failed to complete two-thirds (67%) of the total number of hours attempted,
- Did not complete any courses; and,
- Attempted over 180 hours (possible exceptions are Teach Licensure students and post-Bach students)

**Probation (appeal is approved and probation is for one semester):**

- Must complete 100% of registered courses for that semester; and,
- Term GPA must be at least 2.25



**Appeal process:**

- Students must complete the Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal (SAPAP) form and include a personal statement and supporting documentation (doctor's note, court docs, etc).
- If the appeal is denied, students may submit another appeal and it will be taken to the Professional Judgement committee. This is a closed meeting. Decisions are final.
- Academic Plans (APLAN) - if a student is required to submit an academic plan in conjunction with their SAP appeal, the student must sit down with an academic advisor or other campus resource to create a plan for success.

**Ineligible (NOAID- cannot appeal):**

- Students are mathematically ineligible to receive financial aid. As in, it is mathematically impossible to graduate within the 180 attempted credit limit. If a student has attempted but has not completed 60 hours or more, then it is impossible to graduate within the 120 required completed credits without reaching the 180 credit hour threshold.
- Students have reached the equivalent of 180 hours attempted toward their first degree at MSU Denver without earning the degree. The entire academic record including transfer credits are counted toward the 180 credit hour max.