

COKER UNIVERSITY
FINANCIAL AID SAP

In accordance with federal regulations (HEA Sec. 484(c), 34 CFR 668.16(e), 34 CFR 668.32(f), and 34 CFR 668.34), students must maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP) in order to receive Federal Title IV aid.

FINANCIAL AID PROBATION AND SUSPENSION

1. The student will be considered as not making SAP for Federal Title IV financial aid for one payment period if one or more of the SAP requirements are not met. The student will be required to complete the Financial Aid Appeal process, and if provisionally approved, will be required to follow one or more of the following criteria to be considered for funding for future enrollment periods:
courses; complete courses without incomplete or NC grades; do not withdraw from courses; obtain at least a 2.0 semester/term GPA; and/or complete 100% of attempted hours.
2. If the student does not make SAP under an approved appeal and academic plan e

10. The student will not be eligible for financial aid if in academic suspension status.

APPEALS

1. Students can appeal the denial of Federal Title IV financial aid due to lack of SAP. The student would request the appeal documents from the Assistant Director of Financial Aid and provide completed appeal documents and supporting documentation to the Assistant Director by the established deadline dates. The appeal should provide the reason(s) (illness, injury, death of a family member, or other special circumstance) why SAP was not achieved, what has changed that would allow demonstration of progress at next evaluation, and what the student intends to do to regain SAP. Documentation substantiating the reason for the lack of SAP must be provided. The appeal conditions will be, but are graduate students); do not withdraw from courses; complete a defined percentage above 67% of attempted hours; complete the term or semester with a 2.0 or higher GPA (3.0 or higher for graduate program students); and/or increase their CGPA.
2. If documents are approved, but it is determined that the student will require more than one semester or term to achieve SAP, the student will be placed on financial aid probation with an academic plan. As long as the student meets the requirements of the academic plan (subject to maximum timeframe requirements), they will continue to be eligible for Federal Title IV aid. Progress is checked at the end of each payment period, or enrollment period.
3. If the appeal is denied by the Assistant Director of Financial Aid, the student has the right to appeal the decision with the Director of Financial Aid. The Director of Financial Aid makes the final decision if an appeal and/or academic plan is denied by the Assistant Director of Financial Aid.
4. Students can appeal a maximum of one time. If approved with an academic plan, the academic plan is approved for one time.

ACADEMIC PLANS

1. Academic plans can be customized for the student and will dictate conditions that must be met along with the number of semesters or terms allowed to regain financial aid SAP. The academic plan conditions will be, but are not limited to the following criteria during the payment period: make withdraw from courses; complete a defined percentage above 67% of attempted hours; complete the term or semester with a 2.0 or higher GPA (3.0 or higher for graduate program students); and/or increase their CGPA.
2. Academic plans are not indefinite and are subject to maximum timeframe progression.
3. Students may be requested to provide updated academic plans if there is a change in course offerings or program realignments.

UNDERGRADUATE and GRADUATE PROGRAM APPEAL & ACADEMIC PLAN DUE DATES

Deadlines dates are firm and there will be no exceptions.

Fall 2024 Semester	August 1, 2024
Spring 2025 Semester	December 2, 2024
Summer 2025 Term	March 3, 2025

GRADUATE PROGRAM STUDENTS

1. Students must be admitted and enrolled as a degree-seeking student.
2. Students are required to complete courses with a B or better and maintain a 3.0 or higher CGPA.
3. Graduate program students must complete courses as outlined in the college catalog, within 8 terms of continuous enrollment, and for interrupted enrollment 5 years from first enrollment. For the purpose of receiving Federal Title IV funding, students must complete their graduate degree within 150% of the published length of the program. If Coker University requires that students complete 30 degree hours for a graduate program students will have up to 150% of the 30 hours to complete their program for up to 45 attempted credits. If 33 hours are required then the student will have up to 150% of the 33 hours to complete their program up to 49 hours. If 42 hours are required for a graduate program, then the student will have up to 150% of the 42 hours to complete their program up to 63 hours. If 80 hours are required for a graduate program, then the student will have up to 150% of the 80 hours to complete their program up to 120 hours.