

Eligibility for Continued Enrollment

Policy Memorandum No. 91

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The University Council approved, on April 18, a resolution setting forth a complete definition of the phrase "making satisfactory progress towards a degree." Following is the text of the resolution:

Whereas University policies (pp. 36-37 of General Catalog 1988-89) refer to continued enrollment of undergraduate students in terms of making satisfactory progress toward a degree, and

Whereas currently that progress is defined only in terms of a scale of cumulative QCA achievement, and

Whereas requirements for a baccalaureate degree also include the requirements of the Core Curriculum as well as a major field of study, and

Whereas further guidance will assist students and their faculty advisors in the planning of their courses of study to achieve a degree in a reasonable time,

Therefore be it resolved that, all students must meet the following minimum criteria to be certified as making satisfactory progress toward a degree.

1. Have an overall QCA at or above that specified in the academic eligibility schedule at the end of the spring semester.
2. Upon having attempted 36 semester credits (including transfer, advanced placement, advanced standing and credit by examination), students must have passed at least 12 semester credits that apply to meeting the University Core Curriculum requirements.
3. Upon having attempted 72 semester credits (including transfer, advanced placement, advanced standing, and credit by examination) students must:
 - a. Have passed at least 24 semester credits which apply to meeting the University Core Curriculum requirements, and
 - b. Be enrolled in a degree granting program, and
 - c. Be certified at the close of the academic year by their department as making satisfactory progress toward a degree based upon preestablished minimum criteria from departmental checksheets which must be met for departmental certification.
4. Upon having attempted 96 semester credits (including transfer, advanced placement, advanced standing and credit by examination), students must have an in-major QCA of 2.0000 or above.

Students who have not met conditions in 2, 3a, 3b and 4 for eligibility for continued enrollment will be declared by their academic dean to be ineligible to register or return at the end of any academic semester for a specified period of time to be determined by the academic dean. Students who have not met condition 3c may be declared by their academic dean to be ineligible to register or return at the end of any academic semester for a specified period of time to be determined by the academic dean. Even though a student has a QCA at or above the academic eligibility schedule, the student may be placed on academic suspension by the academic dean if the student has an overall QCA of less than 2.0 and if the accumulative QCA is progressively reduced in successive semesters. Under extenuating circumstances, exceptions to these policies may be made by the student's academic dean.

These policies are effective as of fall semester, 1990. They are not intended to supersede the policies of individual colleges. Any college or department may develop, adopt, publish and adhere to the policies that are in addition to those above with the approval of the Commission on Undergraduate Studies.

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