



**GENEVA**  
COLLEGE

**OFFICE of**  
**FINANCIAL AID**

## Satisfactory Academic Policy

Satisfactory Academic Progress is checked at the end of the spring semester for students in all academic programs. To receive institutional and federal financial aid, which includes grants, loans and work-study, students must meet minimum academic standards as indicated below:

**Undergraduate Students:** All undergraduate students who have earned less than 60 credits must maintain a minimum 1.70 cumulative GPA. Undergraduate students who have earned 60 credits or more, must maintain a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA. Undergraduate students must also maintain pace of progression, which is earning 2/3 of all credits attempted, making progress so that the degree completion is within the 150% maximum timeframe.

**Graduate Students:** Graduate students are making satisfactory academic progress if they are achieving a minimum of a 3.00 Cumulative GPA. Graduate students must also maintain pace of progression, which is earning 2/3 of all credits attempted, and making progress so that the degree completion is within the 150% maximum timeframe.

### **Cumulative GPA**

The cumulative GPA cannot be rounded to meet Satisfactory Academic Progress. Remedial credits and GPA from transferring school are not counted in the cumulative GPA.

**Undergraduate:** 1.70 cumulative GPA for 60 earned credits or less -and- 2.00 cumulative GPA for 60 or more earned credits.

**Graduate:** 3.00 cumulative GPA

### **Pace of Progression**

Students in all programs must be earn 2/3 of their cumulative attempted credits at each Satisfactory Academic Progress evaluation point. Credits attempted include credits for courses in which a student has withdrawn. Credits earned will only be those credits for courses with grades of "A" through "D" and grade "P." Grades including "F," "W," and "I" will not be considered earned. A repeated course previously passed can only count as earned once (even if your program requires a higher grade). Transfer credits accepted by the Registrar's Office toward the completion of the student's degree program will count as both hours attempted and hours completed. Remedial credits do not count towards degree requirements and are not college level, they are not included in the total credits earned on the transcript and are not used when determining sufficient academic progress.

### **Maximum Timeframe**

For federal financial aid purposes, a student must complete their program with 150% of the number of credits required for their program of study. The maximum time frame for full time

students to complete a program of study is five years or ten full time semesters. For part time students, the maximum time frame to complete a program of study is ten years or twenty part time semesters. It is important to note that the student is ineligible at the evaluation point where it is indicated that they will exceed the maximum timeframe, NOT at the point that they reach the maximum timeframe. A student for whom it has been determined cannot complete within the max timeframe is no longer eligible for federal aid and cannot appeal their standing.

### **Review and Appeal Policy**

If, after review at the end of the spring semester, it is found that the student has not maintained Satisfactory Academic Progress, the student will be placed on financial aid suspension and be ineligible for

federal or Geneva aid until the minimum requirements of Satisfactory Academic Progress have been attained. The student will be contacted at his or her Geneva College email address with an option to appeal. The appeal form is found in the financial aid suspension email notification and can be submitted through the student's Financial Aid Portal. If approved, the Office of Financial Aid will send a letter via email indicating the details of the approval.

Note: A student placed on Financial Aid Suspension may not receive any Federal or Institutional aid. State aid has separate academic progress policy. The Pennsylvania State Grant requires 24 credits per academic year as a full-time student and does not have a GPA requirement.

Academic scholarships, and other Geneva aid, may also have additional requirements (see your scholarship letter from Admissions or contact the Office of Financial Aid for the details of your aid).