

# MINIMUM STANDARDS OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS POLICY FOR STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

## What is the Purpose of monitoring academic progress?

Federal regulations and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) require that the University establish and implement a policy to measure whether students applying for financial aid are making satisfactory academic progress toward a degree. NEIU has implemented the following Satisfactory Academic Progress standards necessary to evaluate a financial aid recipient's continued eligibility for funds.

## **Types of Aid Covered by the Policy**

### *Grants*

Federal Pell  
Federal SEOG  
Federal TEACH  
ISAC Monetary Award  
ISAC AIM HIGH

### *Loans (must be paid back)*

Federal Direct Subsidized Stafford  
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford  
Federal Direct PLUS  
Federal Direct GRAD PLUS

### *Other Assistance*

Federal College Work-Study  
ISAC Golden Apple  
ISAC Minority Teachers  
ISAC Special Education Teacher  
ISAC Veteran Grant (IVG)\*  
ISAC National Guard Grant (ING)\*

## **Financial Aid Office Policy Statement**

Students are expected to:

- Complete successfully sixty-seven percent (67%) of attempted credit hours in which they enroll. The cumulative completion rate is reviewed each term AND
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- of each term AND
- Complete the program of study within a maximum timeframe of 180 semester credit hours (undergraduate) or 54 semester credit hours (graduate masters).

**suspended**. This includes terms in which the student is not receiving aid. Aid will be reinstated once the student has achieved the 67% cumulative completion rate or successfully reinstated through the appeal process.

**Maximum Timeframe Requirements**

1. Full-time undergraduate students are expected to complete their program of study within a maximum time frame not to exceed six years. The time frame for part-time undergraduate students is pro-rated beyond six years. As 120 credit hours are required for undergraduate programs, students may take up to a maximum 150% or 180 attempted semester hours. **This also includes a limit of 30 semester hours of ESL and/or developmental course work.**
2. Students attempting to earn a second Undergraduate Degree may take up to a maximum 150% of the hours

Teacher Certification Program.

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