

Satisfactory Academic Progress

General Information

The Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Program Integrity Regulations, effective July 1, 2011, mandates that institutions of higher education establish a standard of satisfactory academic progress for students who receive federal student financial aid under Title IV of the Higher Education Act (referred to in this policy as "Federal Student Aid").

Therefore, to be eligible to receive Federal Student Aid, including Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants, Federal Work- Study, and Federal Direct Loan Programs (Stafford and PLUS), undergraduate students must meet MassArt's satisfactory academic progress standards (SAP) as outlined in this policy. MassArt will also use SAP to determine a student's eligibility to receive MassArt need-based financial aid.

To be eligible to receive Federal Direct Loans (Stafford and Graduate PLUS), graduate and certificate students must meet MassArt's financial aid satisfactory academic progress standards (SAP) as outlined in this policy.

SAP looks at two factors: whether the student is in good standing and the student's pace of completion. SAP will be measured once a year, after the completion of the spring semester. It is important to note that SAP is calculated separately from academic standing. Students are responsible for being familiar with both of these policies. Questions can be directed to Academic Resource Center or Student Financial Assistance.