

Willamette University, Atkinson Graduate School of Masters of Science in Data Science - Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy

Willamette University's Financial Aid Office monitors students each semester for Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (FA-SAP).

A student who falls below the standards of FA Good Standing¹ will be given a FA Warning,² and can continue to receive aid for 1 more semester.

If the student has not returned to FA Good Standing¹ after 1 semester on FA Warning,² they will be placed on FA Suspension³ with an opportunity to submit an appeal for continued aid eligibility. A FA Appeal⁴ may or may not need to be submitted with a FA Academic Plan.⁵

If the appeal is approved, the student will be placed on FA Probation,⁶ and can continue to qualify for financial aid (for one additional semester if no FA Academic Plan was submitted, or for the duration of the FA Academic Plan if submitted.) If the appeal is not approved, the student is no longer eligible for aid, i.e., Final FA Suspension.⁷

If the student has not returned to FA Good Standing¹ after their term of FA Probation,⁶ they will be placed on Final FA Suspension.⁷

Any time a student returns to FA Good Standing¹ and then subsequently falls below that measure again, they will be returned to FA Warning status for 1 semester, after which all other statuses may apply in turn. However, it is important to remember that quantitative measures and maximum timeframe standards are still in effect, and a student is ineligible for aid when it becomes mathematically impossible for them to complete their program within the University's FA Maximum Timeframe.⁸

The Financial Aid Office will notify students who do not meet the definition of FA Good Standing¹ of their FA-SAP status at the end of each semester. Notifications will be sent to the student's Willamette University email address and a paper copy will be sent to the student's home address.

¹FA Good Standing:

- **Total Earned credits.** Students must also be able to complete their degree requirements within the maximum timeframe of aid eligibility allowed by the University (9 semesters or 4 years, whichever is reached first). This is measured as follows:
 - 8 credits completed by the end of the year (2nd semester)
 - 12 credits by the end of the 3rd semester
 - 16 credits by the end of the 4th semester
 - 20 credits by the end of the 5th semester
 - 24 credits by the end of the 6th semester
 - 28 credits by the end of the 7th semester
 - 32 credits by the end of the 8th semester
 - 36 credits by the end of the 9th semester

³**FA Suspension:** After FA Warning, if a student continues to be below FA Good Standing measure, they will be placed on FA Suspension and offered the option to submit a FA Appeal.

⁴**FA Appeal:** Students can appeal their FA Suspension on the basis of illness or injury, death of a relative, or other extraordinary circumstances. Students will be given a generous deadline by which they must submit their appeal. Students whose appeals are not received by the deadline will be placed on Final FA Suspension, and an appeal will no longer be accepted. A student