Satisfactory Academic Progress

To remain eligible for financial assistance, you must maintain good academic standing in accordance with federal, state and institutional guidelines. For federal financial assistance, you must achieve at a minimum a C grade point average and must accumulate credits toward a degree in the following schedule:

Academic year completed	1	2	3	4
Credits completed	24	48	72	96

Furthermore, for federal aid purposes, there is a rule that limits your eligibility to receive aid to 150% of the standard time that it takes to complete your degree. So if you are working on a Bachelor's degree, which is a four year program, then you can only receive federal aid for a maximum of 6 years. Bard College requires 128 credits to complete a Bachelor's degree. (With the exception of the five year, dual degree Conservatory program which requires 160 credit hours. 150% of that time for completion would be 7.5 years.)

The number of credits completed will include any transfer credits that Bard has accepted and will be used toward your degree requirements. Incompletes and Withdraws are included in the coursework considered for Satisfactory Academic Progress. It is possible that an Incomplete for coursework that is later completed and results in a passing grade my change a Satisfactory Academic Progress determination.

Satisfactory Academic Progress is reviewed at the end of the Fall Term and the Spring Term and will impact your enrollment for the following term. If you do not meet the requirements for the coming term, then you will be awarded federal aid provisionally for one term. You will be notified in writing by Student Financial Services of the decision to place you on federal aid probation. Upon completion of that term, your eligibility will be reviewed again, once the final grades for all your classes have been submitted. If at that point you still do not meet the requirements for federal aid, you will not be able to use federal aid for the term that follows. Again, you will be notified in writing of that decision by Student Financial Services.

You are able to appeal the decision that makes your eligibility for federal aid either provisional or terminated, by filing a written appeal to the Director of Student Financial Services. To request an appeal of these determinations, you should provide a written request explaining how you are planning to again meet the standards for Satisfactory Academic Progress.

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