

## Policy on SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS For Recipients of Federal Financial Aid and Veteran's Benefits

All students applying for or receiving Title IV Federal Assistance for attendance at East Mississippi Community College must maintain SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS for a chosen academic or vocational/technical program. Title IV Federal Assistance includes Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Program (LEAP), Federal Stafford (Subsidized and Unsubsidized), Parent Loan (PLUS), Federal Work - Study (FWS).

Students receiving Veteran's assistance fall under the guidelines of academic progress as stated in the "Testing and Classroom Procedures" section of the college catalog. The following policies are in compliance with federal guidelines for SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS:

1. Maintain a semester and cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or better. The GPA calculated by the Registrar's office will be used for Financial Aid. Any student on probation or suspension by the Registrar is also on probation or suspension for Financial Aid. Students will also be placed on probation or suspension for Financial Aid if they fail to pass at least 2/3 of their total hours attempted (as defined in paragraph 3) for the year.

EMCC will determine whether the student has completed the required percentage of work at the end of each Spring Semester, based on cumulative progress. For example, at the end of the Spring semester the financial aid transcript shows a total of 48 hours attempted (including all grades per paragraph 3). Since the minimum progress is 2/3 of 48, the student must have passed a minimum of 32 hours or be placed on probation or suspension for Financial Aid for the next semester.

2. Complete the educational program within 150 percent of the published length of the program. Six full-time semesters will be allowed to complete a four semester program.)

3. The student's total academic history at EMCC will be considered in determining satisfactory progress, regardless of whether he or she previously received Title IV aid. This includes grades of "\*", "AU", "I", "R", "W", "WF" an "WP".

4. For institutional processing of student loan applications, the student must not be on probation and must have completed at least 2/3 of his or her hours attempted.

In accordance with federal regulations, any student who is not making Satisfactory Progress, may request a waiver (in writing) if his or her failure to make a satisfactory grade point average was caused by: the death of a relative of the student; an injury or illness of the student; or other special circumstances. Waivers will be granted or denied based on an individual evaluation by the Financial Aid Director.

Student's eligibility will be reinstated at the end of any grading period the Registrar determines that a student's academic standing is consistent with graduation requirements or that the student has a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.00 provided that, in either case, the student is making satisfactory progress by passing at least 2/3 of all hours attempted.

Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid Web site gives students information concerning the state's financial aid programs and who to contact for application materials.