

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID
FINANCIAL AID SUSPENSION APPEAL 2019-2020



STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name:	Student ID:
Student Address:	Student Date of Birth:
City, State, Zip:	Student Email:
Student Phone:	Student Alternate Phone:

I am filing this appeal for the following semester:

(TERM)
 (YEAR)
 (MAJOR)

I understand that I am on Financial Aid Suspension for the following reason(s): (check all that apply)

(<2.0 Cumulative)
 (<67% Cumulative Completion Rate)
 (Attempted cumulative >150%)
 GPA PACE MAX 150% TIMEFRAME

What is your current major? _____

Are you submitting a change of major for the term you are filing to attend: YES NO

What major will you be pursuing? _____

Does the program/major your entering require acceptance: YES NO

Have you been accepted into the program above: YES NO

In order to complete your appeal process, **you must attach**:

1. A **typed** letter to the Grayson College Appeals committee that answers the following questions: (Computers and printers are available in the Grayson College Library)
 - a. Why did you fail to meet Satisfactory Academic Progress? (*see back page)
 - b. What **mitigating circumstances** (*see back page) did you have that made it difficult to make Satisfactory Academic Progress? Make sure to explain each failed or withdrawn semester on transcript.
 - c. What has changed to improve the mitigating circumstance?
2. **Provide** documentation that will support your claims for the mitigating circumstance(s).
3. Meet with an Academic Advisor to have a degree audit filled out as well as the Academic Advisor Agreement form.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

By signing this document I **certify** that the explanation, documentation and information I have provided is true and correct. **I understand it may take up to 45 days from the time I submit my appeal to receive a decision.**

Signature:

Date:

Glossary:

SAP: Satisfactory Academic Progress means a GPA of 2.0 or Higher. A completion rate of at least 67% or higher, and the attempted program hours have to be less than 150% of published program length.

Financial Aid Suspension: A status assigned to a student who does not have financial aid eligibility or who failed to meet the requirements of their Academic Plan.

Financial Aid Warning: A status assigned to a student who fails to maintain SAP. The student is permitted to receive Title IV funds for one additional payment period(s). If by the end of that semester the student still does not fulfill eligibility requirements the student's status will change to Financial Aid Suspension.

GPA: Cumulative GPA must be greater than equal to a 2.0 on transcript.

Pace: The total number of hours the student has successfully completed divided by the number of hours the student has attempted. Must be greater than or equal to 67%.

Maximum Timeframe: Hours cannot exceed 150% of the published length of the program. Ex: total number of credits to receive General studies degree is 60 credits, you cannot exceed 90 credits.

Academic Plan: A status assigned to a student who successfully appeals Financial Aid Suspension. Students who are placed on an Academic Plan must maintain a 2.5 semester GPA and 75% completion rate during the semester until they regain eligibility or they graduate.

Appeal: A process for a student who fails to maintain SAP to petition the school for a reconsideration of eligibility to receive Federal Title IV funds, State, Exemptions and other financial aid funds.

*Mitigating circumstances: Are situations beyond the student's control and may include: a death, injury, or illness of the student or in the immediate family or other special circumstances.

Mitigating circumstances **DO NOT** include:

- Student felt overwhelmed
- Student did not like the instructor or had a conflict with the instructor
- Student did not understand college and wasn't ready or mature enough
- Death or illness of a friend or relative not in immediate family
- Withdrew or stopped attending to avoid a bad grade
- Student states: Nobody told me that would affect me
- Work

Approved Appeal: Student will be placed on an Academic Plan and will have to meet terms of plan as stated in approval letter.

Denied Appeal: Student will not be eligible to receive certain types of financial aid. Including Federal, State, and some institutional scholarships.

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Students are REQUIRED to use their GC canvas account or their GC email account for all electronic communication. GC faculty and staff will not reply to student communication that is sent through an email account other than their GC issued email account or canvas account in order to ensure the identity of the student when communicating electronically