



Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (FASAP) Standards

What does maintaining Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (FASAP) mean?

Maintaining FASAP refers to the completion of all credits (based on the credit load at the end of the 4th day of the semester) with at least a current and cumulative 2.00 grade point average (GPA). To continue receiving federal, state, and institutional need-based financial assistance at North Idaho College, you must be making satisfactory academic progress toward your degree or certificate program by meeting FASAP standards for financial aid recipients.

The FASAP standards apply to any period of enrollment, regardless of whether financial aid was received. Students receiving financial aid must be enrolled in an eligible degree or certificate program.

Can I get financial aid for multiple programs?

Financial aid will pay for only ONE program of study. If you wish to request a change to your program of study or you have a prior degree you must submit an appeal form (available in the Financial Aid Office). Keep in mind that any credits that you took for your previous program of study will be counted in your timeframe.



Do I have to get a certain grade point average to keep my financial aid?

YES! Students must maintain a semester and cumulative GPA of 2.00 or above. They will be placed on probation if their GPA is 1.00 to 1.99. Students achieving a GPA of less than 1.00 will be denied further aid and will need to discontinue their student employment position, if employed.

Students denied aid due to a low GPA may appeal. If the Appeals Committee denies the petition, the student will be denied aid until such time as the student again meets the guidelines for satisfactory academic progress.

How long can I receive financial aid?

Generally, a student will be funded for 125% of the number of credits needed for his/her certificate/degree, as published in the North Idaho College catalog. Students with prior college credits, **MAY** have their timeframes reduced based on the credits earned that count towards their certificate/degree. Federal regulations state that prior college credits **MUST** be considered (even if financial aid did not pay for the classes).



In those cases when a student may exceed his/her 125% limit, it is possible that an extension of timeframe can be approved (please note that determination of timeframe extension must be reviewed on a case by case basis). In these cases, the student will have to provide a statement detailing the circumstances as to why an extension is needed and provide a copy of an education plan for the remainder of his/her certificate/degree. For further information or clarification, please contact the Financial Aid Office.

Do I have to complete all of my classes?

YES! You are expected to complete all of the credits you registered for (based on the credit load at the end of the 4th day of the semester). At the end of EACH semester we will review your transcript to determine that you completed all of your credits. If you have successfully completed at least 50% of the credits for which aid was received but not 100% of the credits, you will be placed on probation. If you completed less than 50% of your attempted credits, you will be denied further aid and will need to discontinue your student employment position, if employed.

What happens if I withdraw from all of my classes during the semester?

If you are thinking about withdrawing from all of your classes you need to speak with the Financial Aid Office. Financial aid funds are like job wages - going to class is your “work” and completing your classes with good grades “earns” the funding. If you withdraw from all of your classes during a semester (or stop attending all classes) you will lose your future financial aid eligibility. It is also highly likely that you will **OWE money back** to federal and state programs as well as the institution. When this happens you will not be able to enroll at North Idaho College until the money is paid back and if you owe federal funds you will not be able to receive financial aid at ANY college/university until the money is paid back.

In a nutshell, when will I be placed on probation?

You will be placed on probation for the following reasons:

- ✘ Having a GPA that is at least 1.00, but less than 2.00.
- ✘ Completing at least 50% but less than 100 % of attempted credits.

And, when will I be suspended from financial aid?

You will be suspended from financial aid for the following reasons:

- ✘ Not completing at least 50% of your attempted credits.
- ✘ Not achieving at least a 1.00 current or cumulative GPA.
- ✘ Exceeding the total number of credits allowed to complete your program of study.
- ✘ Not meeting the conditions of the Appeals Committee.
- ✘ Failing to meet the conditions of your probation.
- ✘ Having already graduated or having completed sufficient credits needed to receive the intended degree or certificate.

Ok, so I’ve been suspended from financial aid, are there any options for me?

If you have an extenuating circumstance that caused you not to complete all of your credits and/or to maintain the minimum 2.00 GPA, you may appeal your suspension.



When the Financial Aid Office notifies you that you have been suspended you will be informed of how to complete the appeal process. The Appeals Committee will notify you of the decision made after processing the appeal. If you would like more information about the appeal process, please contact our office.

Remember, it is your responsibility to know and understand these policies and procedures. If you need further clarification, please contact a financial aid representative. Our office is located in Room 104 of Lee-Kildow Hall.

**Monday through Thursday
7:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Friday
7:30 AM to 2:30 PM**

Our email address is finaid@nic.edu and our phone number is (208) 769 - 3368.