

# Academic Progress Policy with Regard to Financial Assistance

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Federal regulations require that students make satisfactory academic progress toward completing their degrees in order to receive federal financial aid. Satisfactory academic progress standards measure students' **quantitative** (credit completion) and **qualitative** (cumulative GPA) progress towards completion of their degree or program. In addition, students must complete their degree programs within a **maximum time frame** and must complete the necessary amount of credits attempted to remain on **pace** to graduate within the maximum timeframe. Failure to meet any one of these standards, results in unsatisfactory academic progress for financial aid purposes. This policy applies uniformly to all matriculated students receiving some form of federal and or institutional aid at King's College. Academic progress standards governing state financial aid are measured in accordance with state specific policies and regulations.

## Quantitative Requirement (Credit Completion)

- Students must complete a minimum of 80% of their total attempted credits each semester. (Attempted credits are determined at the end of the 100% tuition refund period each semester).
- Courses for which students receive academic credit, withdraw, or receive incomplete or repeat grades are counted in the calculation of the 80% requirement.

## Qualitative Requirement (Cumulative G.P.A.)

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (G.P.A.) of 2.0.

## Maximum Time Frame

- The maximum time frame for completion of a degree program is 150% of the academic credits required for a student to complete their degree program. For an incoming first-year student, this maximum time frame is 180 academic credits (150% of the 120 credits required for degree completion). The maximum time frame calculation for transfer students is determined by multiplying the difference between 120 credits and the number of academic credits accepted in transfer by 150%. Students who change majors are responsible for completing the degree requirements within the timeframe specified above. Courses for which students receive academic credit, withdraw, receive incomplete or repeat grades are counted in the 150% time frame.

## Pace

- The maximum number of credits determines the pace at which a student must complete credits in order to graduate within the maximum time frame. Pace is determined by cumulative credits earned divided by cumulative credits attempted. Students must stay on pace to complete their programs within the maximum time frame.