

Academic Requirements for Receiving Financial Aid, [changes to the process]

OLD:

Pass Rate Component

Students are expected to pass a minimum of 75 percent of all hours attempted at San Jacinto College. All transfer hours are included in the pass rate calculation.

Time Frame Component

Students receiving financial aid funds will be expected to complete their San Jacinto College educational objective or course of study within the first 90 hours attempted, including college preparatory and transfer hours.

Academic Standards and Pass Rate

The San Jacinto College Financial Aid office will determine whether or not students have successfully passed at least 75 percent of overall hours attempted. The College requires students to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 on their institutional coursework. The College considers grades of A through D as successfully passed; however, students on probation or academic plan status must pass all classes with a C or higher.

Time Frame Component

The Financial Aid office will determine the total number of hours a student has attempted. Courses for which a student has received an incomplete, from which a student has withdrawn, has repeated, or are college preparatory classes will be counted in the total. Once a student has attempted 90 hours, the student is ineligible to receive further consideration for financial aid. During the last term in which the student will reach the 90-hour limit, the student may receive aid for the number of hours for which they are enrolled.

Maximum Time Frame

A student who has attempted more than 90 hours will be placed on financial aid suspension for max hours attempted and is not eligible to receive further consideration for financial aid.

Academic Plan

A student who completed and met the conditions of the appeal during the probation term, but is still not making satisfactory academic progress, will be placed on an Academic Plan. While on an Academic Plan, the student must continue to meet the conditions of their appeal within a specific point in time as stated on their educational plan.

Appealing Financial Aid Suspension/Regaining Eligibility for Aid

Students who have been suspended from receiving financial aid due to a low GPA and/or Pass Rate component may regain eligibility by:

- Enrolling at their own expense and bringing themselves into compliance with the requirements.
- Filing an appeal with the Financial Aid office prior to the middle of the semester.

A student who has exceeded the maximum Time Frame component must file an appeal to be able to receive consideration for financial aid.

The appeal for all satisfactory academic progress components must be in writing and supporting documentation regarding special circumstances must be provided. Appeals are considered for extenuating circumstances such as injury, illness and death in the immediate family, or undue hardship. Students must provide sufficient supporting information to explain their reason for lack of progress. Other documentation will be required in addition to what is listed on the appeal form. Students who have an Incomplete grade cannot submit an appeal until a final grade has posted.

If an appeal is approved, the student is placed on Financial Aid Probation for the term listed in the appeal. The student is required to meet the conditions stated on the approval letter without exception to continue receiving aid the following semester under the Academic Plan status. In addition, first-time appeal approval students are required to meet the conditions of the Program for Financial Education during their first term. If a student does not meet the conditions of the appeal, the student will be placed back on Financial Aid Suspension.

If an appeal is denied, the student may file a written request to meet with the Appeal Committee, which renders all decisions in writing. If students need to request a personal appearance, they are allowed to present their case to the committee; however, only the student is allowed to present.

NEW

Pass Rate Component

Students are expected to pass a minimum of 67 percent of all hours attempted at San Jacinto College. All transfer hours are included in the pass rate calculation.

Time Frame Component

Students receiving financial aid funds will be expected to complete their San Jacinto College educational objective or course of study within 150 percent of the program's published length, including college preparatory and transfer hours.

Academic Standards and Pass Rate

The San Jacinto College Financial Aid office will determine whether or not students have successfully passed at least 67 percent of overall hours attempted. The College requires students to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 on their institutional coursework. The College considers grades of A through D as successfully passed; however, students on probation or academic plan status must pass all classes with a C or higher.

Time Frame Component

The Financial Aid office will determine the total number of hours a student has attempted. Courses for which a student has received an incomplete, from which a student has withdrawn, has repeated, or are college preparatory classes will be counted in the total. Once a student has exceeded their maximum time frame, the student is ineligible to receive further consideration for financial aid. During the last term in which the student will reach the maximum time frame, the student may receive aid for the number of hours for which they are enrolled.

Maximum Time Frame

A student who has attempted more than 150 percent of their program's published length will be placed on financial aid suspension for max hours attempted and is not eligible to receive further consideration for financial aid.

Academic Plan

A student who completed and met the conditions of the appeal during the probation term, but is still not making satisfactory academic progress, will be placed on an Academic Plan. While on an Academic Plan, the student must continue to meet the conditions of their appeal.

Appealing Financial Aid Suspension/Regaining Eligibility for Aid

Students who have been suspended from receiving financial aid due to a low GPA and/or Pass Rate component may regain eligibility by:

- Enrolling at their own expense and bringing themselves into compliance with the requirements.
- Filing an appeal with the Financial Aid office prior to the published semester deadline.

A student who has exceeded the maximum Time Frame component must file an appeal to be able to receive consideration for financial aid.

The appeal for all satisfactory academic progress components must be in writing and supporting documentation regarding special circumstances must be provided. Appeals are considered for extenuating circumstances such as injury, illness and death in the immediate family, or undue hardship. Students must provide sufficient supporting information to explain their reason for lack of progress. Other documentation will be required in addition to what is listed on the appeal form. Students who have an Incomplete grade cannot submit an appeal until a final grade has posted.

If an appeal is approved, the student is placed on Financial Aid Probation for the term listed in the appeal. The student is required to meet the conditions stated on the approval letter without exception to continue receiving aid the following semester under the Academic Plan status. If a student does not meet the conditions of the appeal, the student will be placed back on Financial Aid Suspension.

If an appeal is denied, the student may request a secondary review by the Appeal Committee, which renders all decisions in writing. All Appeal Committee decisions are final. If a student's appeal is denied by the Appeal Committee, they are no longer eligible to appeal and must pay out of pocket until earning Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements on their own.