

UTA MESIVTA of KIRYAS JOEL

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

To receive credit for studies at UTAM and to maintain enrollment and eligibility for federal student aid, a student must maintain satisfactory progress which in this institution is defined as being in good academic standing as detailed below. Satisfactory progress standards for Title IV federal financial aid recipients are the same as for all matriculated students at UTAM

Satisfactory academic progress at UTAM has two principal components: a qualitative standard and a quantitative standard:

- Qualitative Standard

In pursuit of graduation, the student must achieve a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (the equivalent of a "C" average) or better. Students are evaluated at the end of each semester and are expected to maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.

Semester grade point averages shall be calculated according to the following numerical equivalents:

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A	4.0	C+	2.3	W	Withdrawal
A-	3.7	C	2.0	I	Incomplete
B+	3.33	C-	1.7	F	0.0
B	3.0	D+	1.3		
B-	2.7	D	1.0		

- Quantitative Standard

The Quantitative Standard has 2 requirements, Maximum Timeframe And Pace of Completion

- Maximum Timeframe

A student must make sufficient progress through the academic program to complete the 156 credits, five-year undergraduate program, within a time period of not more than 15 semesters, with a maximum attempted credits ceiling of 234 credits.

- Pace of Completion

Full time students must successfully complete 67% of the normal attempted credits per semester

At the end of each semester, students' academic files are evaluated to determine if the students are making satisfactory academic progress. As part of the evaluation, the student's earned credits are divided by the student's attempted credits to determine if the student is progressing through the five-year academic program at a pace sufficient to complete the program within the maximum time frame. If the number of credits earned divided by the number of credits attempted is 67% or greater and the student has earned at least the number of credits that appears in the chart above that corresponds to his semester of attendance, he is determined to be making satisfactory progress.

PROBATIONARY STATUS

The Dean of Students will notify in writing all students who are not making satisfactory progress and place those students on probation for the following semester. Should the student again fail

to maintain a C average, he will become ineligible for Title IV financial aid and may be dismissed from the Yeshiva.

Students on probation remain eligible for Title IV aid during their probationary period. If during that semester the student successfully completed 12 additional credits with a least a C average, he will be removed from probation and will resume his status as a regular student.

Students consistently maintaining a passing average who drop below this average for one semester will be placed on probation by their faculty advisor for one semester, during which time they will continue to receive federal financial aid. Should they then fail to maintain a passing average at the end of the probationary period, they will lose the eligibility for the following semesters unless they can re-establish good standing.

To re-establish good standing, students must consult with the Dean of Students who will design a study plan to assist the student in bringing his grades up. The Dean of Students will inform the Financial Aid Administrator, Mr. David Schwartz, when he determines that the student is

successfully implementing the study plan. Such notification will allow the student to again participate in the aid program until the completion of the semester. Students who do not take advantage of the Dean of Students' program shall continue to have their eligibility suspended until the time they can establish a C average.

APPEALS

A student may appeal the determination in writing to the Dean of Students if he feels that there was an error in determining his satisfactory status or if there were mitigating circumstances beyond his control. The Dean of Students will review the appeal carefully, and if necessary, consult with the student's instructors. The Dean of Students' decision on the appeal will be made within 30 days and is final.

MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES

Students may also apply to the Dean of Students for special consideration of mitigating circumstances for any of the above regulations. Such circumstances might include:

- (a) Illness of the student
- (b) Illness or death in the immediate family
- (c) Other circumstances (i.e. divorce or unemployment)

The Dean's decision will be conveyed to the student in writing within ten days of filing a written appeal.

GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING FOR STATE GRANT PROGRAMS

To maintain eligibility for NY state aid grants (TAP), students must be in Good Academic Standing which is defined as accumulating a minimum number of credits and achieving a specified GPA each term. The requirements are based on the number of TAP payments the student has received. The chart below illustrates these minimum requirements:

Semester	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Minimum Credits that student must have Earned	0	6	15	27	39	51	66	81	96	111
With at least a GPA of	0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0

For the NY state aid TAP program there is no financial aid warning period. Students who do not

meet satisfactory progress standards will lose their eligibility for state aid. There is a one-time waiver of good academic standing that may be used by students receiving state grants. This waiver is only issued in situations where there are extenuating circumstances that contributed to the drop in good academic standing e.g., illness of the student or death in the student's family. To apply for this waiver, the student must make a written request to the Dean and supply third party documentation, i.e. a doctor's note. There is also a C waiver for students who fail to meet the required GPA average. These waivers are handled on a case-by-case basis and a request for the waiver, which includes supporting documentation, must be provided to the FAA.

REPETITIONS

All repeated courses are counted in the number of student's attempted credits, but cannot be counted towards full time enrollment status for the semester in which the repeated course is taken, unless the student is retaking a course in which he received a failing grade.

Students will be allowed to repeat a course provided the student will then remain within the time frame required for satisfactory progress.

TRANSFER CREDITS AND SATISFACTORY PROGRESS

Transfer credits are not included in the GPA calculation; however, they are counted toward both the number of attempted credits and the number of credits earned by the student.

NON-CREDIT REMEDIAL COURSES

At the present time, UTAM does not offer any non-credit remedial courses.