



## Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal Due to COVID-19

### Spring 2020

Moberly Area Community College students receiving federal financial aid are required to meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards, according to federal and state laws and regulations. Being eligible to enroll in classes does not mean the student has an eligible SAP status for financial aid. Academic records are reviewed for all students receiving or being considered for financial aid programs.

The review of a student's SAP status is based on the entire academic record, even if the student did not receive financial aid for previous semesters of enrollment. This includes all transfer credit hours being accepted by the College and Developmental courses taken at MACC. After each semester has ended and grades are posted, a student's SAP status will be reviewed. A student who received federal or state aid in that semester will be sent a notice to his/her MACC-issued email account from the MACC Financial Aid Office if he or she did not meet the SAP requirements. Financial aid awards for subsequent semesters will be adjusted accordingly.

A student is considered to have an eligible SAP status if he or she:

- 1) Maintains the required Cumulative Grade Point Average.
- 2) Satisfactorily completes enough credit hours to have a Pace of Completion of 2/3 or 66.67% or higher, each semester.
- 3) Will graduate within 150% of the credit hours required to complete the program (maximum-time).

For a complete copy of MACC's SAP Policy please visit this link: <https://www.macc.edu/satisfactory-academic-progress>

**MACC understands that our students experienced a hardship during the spring 2020 semester as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and will make every effort to ease the burden of re-establishing SAP standards for a student's subsequent semester of enrollment.**

As stated above, MACC is required to review each student's SAP status each semester. During the review for spring 2020, students may initially be identified as not meeting an eligible SAP status due to Pace of Completion (credit hours completed/credit hours attempted). We understand Spring 2020 has brought unexpected challenges to students, which may, or may not, have caused them to withdraw from some or all of their classes **after March 13, 2020** - which will directly impact a student's Pace of Completion and SAP status.

The CARES Act allows institutions to exclude from the quantitative component (pace measurement) of satisfactory academic progress (SAP) attempted credits from which a student withdrew **after March 13, 2020** as a result of the COVID-19 national emergency. However, an institution must have reasonably determined that the student's failure to complete those credits was the result of a COVID-19 related circumstance. As a result, Moberly Area Community College (MACC) has developed these procedures and a modified SAP appeal to help our students through this process and re-establish financial aid eligibility for their next semester of enrollment.



# Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal Due to COVID-19

## Spring 2020

Students who have not met the SAP standards for the spring 2020 semester as a result of **Pace of Completion** may complete this modified SAP Appeal to explain their circumstances for withdrawing from classes **after March 13, 2020**. This SAP appeal is not applicable for a student who did not meet SAP standards due to cumulative grade point average (CGPA). If a student does not meet the SAP standards for CGPA, or CGPA and Pace combined, they must complete the traditional Academic Progress Appeal form.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MACC ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Please select a reason (you may check more than one):

- Illness of the student
- Illness of family member and needed to become a caregiver or first responder
- Economic hardship
- Added work hours
- Loss of childcare
- Lack of technology (computer, printer, software)
- Inability to continue with classes via distance education
- Inability to access wi-fi due to closed facilities
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief explanation of the circumstance(s) selected above which prevented you from completing your course(s) as a result of COVID-19 in the spring 2020 semester.

---

---

---

---

---

*I request MACC to exclude from the quantitative component (Pace of Completion) of Satisfactory Academic Progress attempted credits I was unable to complete as a result of the COVID-19 national emergency. My signature confirms I understand this modified SAP appeal is for spring 2020 only and does not include an appeal for CGPA or maximum-time.*

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_