

Temporary COVID-19 Spring 2020 Policy Change to Satisfactory Academic Progress

Due to the impacts of COVID-19, the college has made the following changes below to the calculations of Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) for the spring 2020 semester only. See the temporary COVID 19 Academic Policy at registrar/lincolncollege.edu for the change in academic policy. The updated policies may impact your academic standing and future financial aid offer.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) and COVID-19

Lincoln College understands that students have encountered several challenges related to COVID-19. As a result, we have implemented a temporary Satisfactory Academic Progress policy to include important information relating to COVID-19 and how grade changes may affect your SAP status.

Additionally, academic issues related to COVID-19 are an acceptable basis for an appeal. If you receive notification that you have failed SAP following the Spring 2020 term, you are encouraged to submit an appeal.

If you have questions regarding SAP, please reach out to the Financial Aid Office for assistance.

Impact of Credit/No Credit (CR/NC) Course Grading on Satisfactory Academic Progress:

Grades of CR/NC will not be included in the calculation of your GPA. Therefore, a CR/NC grade will not adversely affect the GPA component of SAP.

Grades of CR/NC will count towards SAP pace of completion component. CR grades will count as a completed course. NC grades will not count as a completed course. Lincoln College requires students to complete at least 2/3 (67%) of the courses they enroll in. Therefore, if you receive an NC for one or more of your courses, it may affect your SAP standing.

Grades of CR/NC will count towards the SAP maximum timeframe component. Therefore, if you are nearing your maximum program limit and will need to retake a course due to a CR/NC grade, you may need to discuss your academic plan with your coordinator.

Appeals that include COVID -19

Circumstances related to an outbreak of COVID-19, including, but not limited to, the illness of a student or family member, compliance with a quarantine period, or a general disruption from such an outbreak may form the basis of a student's SAP appeal." In other words, if your ability to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress is affected by the COVID-19 outbreak, such circumstances will be taken into consideration when evaluating an Appeal for Reinstatement of Financial Aid Eligibility.