

### Frequently-Asked Questions about Academic Standing (SAP)

### 1. Why is my Academic Standing being assessed?

All institutions that grant federal financial aid are required to have systems in place to ensure that students are making satisfactory academic progress. For equity, we apply the same standards of academic progress to all students whether they receive financial aid or not. These standards are in place to help students succeed in achieving their academic goals, and to alert students to issues that may delay or prevent them from achieving these goals.

#### 2. Can you explain Antioch's academic standing policy?

Undergraduate Standards: First term – Completion of 50% of term-based and cumulative (all Antioch and all transfer) attempted credits. Second term – Completion of 66% of term-based and cumulative attempted credits. All subsequent terms – Completion of 75% of term-based and cumulative attempted credits. Completion of degree prior to attempting 150% of credits required for the degree.

Graduate Standards: First term – Completion of 50% of term-based and cumulative attempted credits. All subsequent terms – Completion of 75% of term-based and cumulative attempted credits. Completion of degree prior to attempting 150% of the established time for the degree.

Concern	Student remains in Good Standing, but term or cumulative rate is between 75-80%.
Warning	Student was previously in Good Standing, but term or cumulative rate is below minimum standards.
Recommended for Withdrawal	Student was on Warning, but term or cumulative rate is below minimum standards. Student must appeal or be withdrawn.
Probation	Student was recommended for withdrawal, but has successfully appealed. Student must meet minimum term and cumulative standards by end of probation term or be withdrawn.
Academic Plan Probation	Student was recommended for withdrawal, but has successfully appealed. Student's return to good standing will take longer than one term, and minimum standards for each term to return to good standing are outlined in an academic plan.
Extended Probation	Student was on Probation or Academic Plan Probation, and fails to meet minimum standards. Student is withdrawn unless an appeal is submitted for extended probation. If approved, student has one term <b>without financial aid</b> to attempt to return to good standing.



Time to Completion Concern	An undergraduate student who has attempted 100% but less than 150% of the credits required for the degree. A graduate student who has been enrolled for 100% but less than 150% of the standard time to completion for their academic program. Student remains in good standing and eligible for aid (unless otherwise restricted by academic program policies), but will be notified each term of status.
Time to Completion Withdrawal	A student who has exceeded 150% of the credits (undergrad) or time (graduate) established for academic program. Student may appeal for limited extension to complete, unless otherwise restricted by academic program policies.

### 3. How do Incompletes, Withdraws and No-Credits affect my Academic Standing?

At Antioch, academic standing is calculated based on credits attempted vs. credits completed. Courses in which you have earned an Incomplete or a No-Credit are considered to be attempted but not completed. Courses that are dropped by the add/drop deadline are not included, but courses dropped after the add/drop period (with grades of W) are considered attempted but not completed.

#### 4. How long will I be on this Academic Standing status?

We assess Academic Standing at the end of every term of enrollment. By the end of the term following the term when you were placed on an Academic Standing status, you will be assessed as having met the terms of your Academic Standing status (returning you to Good Standing), or not meeting them (leading to a recommendation for withdrawal).

### 5. What happens if I do not meet minimum standards by the end of my Academic Standing status term?

You will be notified that you are being recommended for withdrawal. Students being recommended for withdrawal have the right to appeal this recommendation. If your appeal is granted, you will be approved to register for an additional term on Academic Probation. Students are eligible for financial aid while on Academic Probation. Students must achieve Good Standing by the end of their Academic Probation term. Failure to do so will result in withdrawal.

#### 6. Can I still receive financial aid while on an Academic Standing status?

Yes, you remain eligible for aid while on Academic Warning, Academic Probation, or Academic Plan Probation. If you fail to achieve Good Standing while on one of these statuses, you have the option to request one additional term of enrollment to regain Good Standing (Extended Probation). Students on Extended Probation are NOT eligible for financial aid for that term of enrollment.

# 7. I received notice that a "concern" is identified about me. Does that mean that I am no longer in Good Standing?

A student who has a term or completion ratio of between 75-80%, or who is between 100-150% of their time to completion, <u>remains in Good Standing</u>. However, our practice is to remind you of



the policies governing academic standing and to alert you to the fact that you may be close to being placed on a status.

**8. Does my Academic Standing status appear on my transcript, or is it released externally?** No. There is no external communication of your Academic Standing status.

#### 9. Can I register at my regular time while on an Academic Standing status?

Yes, you are eligible for your regular registration schedule and regular registration load, unless recommended otherwise by your advisor or by the terms of your Academic Plan.

### 10. Can I appeal my Academic Warning status?

No. Appeals are limited to recommendations for withdrawal. If the grades on which your Warning status was based were invalid, your Academic Standing will be re-evaluated after your academic record is updated.

#### 11. If I've been recommended for withdrawal, does that mean I can't continue?

It means that you must appeal your withdrawal, and that you must identify (and in some cases document) the extenuating circumstances that led to your academic performance. Your financial aid will be on hold until your appeal is decided. If your appeal is approved, you may continue. If your appeal is not approved, you will be withdrawn effective immediately. If you are already registered for the next term, your registration will be cancelled and all tuition reversed.

## 12. If I'm over the 100% level for months to completion (for graduate students) or credits to completion (for undergrads), can I still continue? Am I still eligible for aid?

Yes, according to University policy. (Your academic program may have policies that further restrict this guideline.) As long as you do not exceed 150% of the months or credits to completion, you remain in Good Standing, and you remain eligible to register, receive aid, and earn credit. It does mean that you should be nearing completion, and that you and your advisor should agree on the amount of time it will take you to complete.

#### 13. How will I know if I have returned to Good Standing?

We review all students at the end of each term. If you were on an Academic Standing status and you met the requirements of that status, we will notify you that you have been returned to Good Standing.

# 14. If I have been placed on an Academic Standing status due to an incomplete, does my standing change once I complete the Incomplete?

We review all students at the end of each term, at a single point in time. Statuses are determined based on your academic record at that moment. Earning credit for an outstanding Incomplete does not invalidate the fact that credit was not earned at the time the report was run, so your status for the term will not change. However, completing an outstanding incomplete is important for your cumulative academic standing, as well as important for your overall academic record.



## 15. What do I do if I think there has been a mistake in the calculation of my Academic Standing status?

Please contact the Registrar's Office at <u>registrar@antioch.edu</u>. We will be happy to review your record and correct any error that has been made, or explain the calculation to you.

#### 16. How can my advisor assist me?

You and your advisor can discuss any challenges you may be facing to the successful completion of your attempted credit. You may wish to discuss a reduced load, a change in specialization, or a reprioritization of your academic work. If you have been notified of a "time to completion" concern, you and your advisor can work together to outline a timeline for completion that will retain your Good Standing status.