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Financial Aid Office

Eligibility for Financial Aid

When you receive financial aid at UTD, you assume certain [rights and responsibilities](#).

To be eligible to apply you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Be registered with Selective Service (if required)
 - If you are not registered, you may register at <https://www4.sss.gov/regver/Register1.asp>.
 - If you registered and want to check your registration, you may check your registration here <https://www4.sss.gov/regver/verify.asp>.
- Have financial need as determined by the central processor using federal regulations
- Be attending UTD pursuing a degree program at UTD *
- Be maintaining satisfactory academic progress towards your degree program
- Not be in default on a federal loan or owe on a federal grant.
 - To check your federal loan or grant history go to the [NSLDS](#) website and click on Financial Aid Review (you will need your FAFSA PIN to view your history).
- Be enrolled in at least 6 hours for undergraduates and 5 hours for graduates.

* Non-degree seeking students are not eligible for financial aid, except under the following circumstances:

- Admitted to the Graduate College as a non-degree seeking student enrolled in prerequisite coursework needed to be admitted to the degree program
- Must be admitted to the degree program no later than 12 consecutive months from the date admitted to UTD.

The following Standards of Academic Progress are adopted according to federal mandates for the purpose of determining student eligibility for financial aid. Standards shall apply to all financial assistance awarded through the UTD Financial Aid Office.

Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirements

All new and continuing students applying for financial assistance must have a cumulative GPA that meets UTD's requirements on all credit hours earned from UTD prior to the semester for which aid is requested. Each Fall and Spring semester students must complete both the minimum number of hours from those attempted as of census day for the term, complete the term with no less than a 2.0 GPA for an undergraduate student or 3.0 GPA for a graduate student as well as achieve the Cumulative GPA requirements. The following chart states the minimum that all Financial Aid students must meet to be eligible for financial aid.

Semester Requirements			
Undergraduate		Graduate	
Hours on Census Date	Hours to Complete	Hours on Census Date	Hours to Complete
12 or more	9	6 or more	6
6 to 11	6	5	5
5 or less*	ALL	4 or less*	ALL
Grades of "W" or "X" will not be treated as completed coursework. A grade of "F" is a completed grade and will be taken into consideration when calculating the cumulative GPA.			
*Students enrolled in less than half-time status are not eligible to receive aid.			

Maximum Number of Hours at UTD	
Class Level	Hours Earned
Undergraduate	130
Graduate	48
Doctoral	130

Failure to meet the Standards of Academic Progress

In these provisions, probation or suspension refers only to financial aid probation or suspension.

The first semester in which the above Standards of Academic Progress are not met, the student will be placed on probation for the next semester of enrollment. Financial Aid will be provided while on probation, but the student must complete, in the subsequent term of enrollment all of the minimum requirements at the close of that term of enrollment.

When on probation, the student who fails to meet the Standards of Academic Progress will be placed on suspension for the next semester of enrollment. Financial aid will be provided while on probation, but the student must complete in the subsequent term of enrollment all of the minimum requirements at the close of that term of enrollment.

When on suspension, the student must enroll at least half-time (undergraduates = 6 hours; graduates = 5 hours) for one semester at UTD, pay the expenses related to that enrollment and pass the semester with a GPA of 2.0 (undergraduate) 3.0 (graduate) or better.

A cleared suspension status places the student on probation for the next term of enrollment, regardless of the CGPA obtained at the end of that term of enrollment.

Three suspensions will result in no additional financial aid being awarded.

The Appeal Process

A student who had been denied aid because of failure to meet any of the criteria of the standards may petition in writing and provide documentation to the Financial Aid Committee. The decision of the Financial Aid Committee is final. If, while on appealed probation status, the student does not meet the standards of academic progress, the student will be placed on suspension again, without access to the appeal process.

Financial Aid will not be provided for:

- Courses taken by audit
- Courses taken at other universities and/or colleges, unless a written consortium agreement is approved prior to enrollment
- Credit hours earned by placement exams
- Non-credit coursework
- Any course registered for after the last official day of late registration (flex-entry, fast-track, mini term, mid term courses)
- Transfer students attending only for the Summer term
- Non-degree seeking students or Special Students who will not seek a degree from UTD

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