

## **FINANCIAL AID ACADEMIC PROGRESS POLICY**

In order to receive federal and state student financial aid, a student must pass a prescribed number of **NEW CREDITS** each academic year. For federal student aid (also known as **Title IV aid**), this policy includes **all degree-seeking students**, regardless of receipt of federal aid. Federal student aid includes Federal Pell Grant, Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG), National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART) Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program, Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Work-Study, Federal Stafford Loan, and Federal PLUS Loan. For state aid, this policy includes only those students who have been awarded a PA state grant.

A **NEW CREDIT** is defined as a credit for which the student has not previously passed with a grade of A, B, C, D, or pass.

<b>Student's Enrollment Status</b> (number of credits per semester a student is registered for at the end of the drop/add period)	Number of <b>NEW</b> credits that must be earned per semester to maintain financial aid eligibility	Number of <b>NEW</b> credits that must be earned per academic year to maintain financial aid eligibility
<b>Undergraduate Full Time</b> (12 or more)	12	24
<b>Undergraduate ¾ Time</b> (9 – 11)	9	18
<b>Undergraduate Half Time</b> (6 – 8)	6	12
<b>Undergraduate Less than Half Time</b> (3 – 5)	3	6
<b>Graduate Full Time</b> (9 or more)	9	18
<b>Graduate Half Time</b> (6 – 8)	6	12
<b>Graduate Less than Half Time</b> (3 – 5)	3	6

**PLEASE NOTE:** Students who receive financial aid during the summer sessions may have a greater credit requirement. Please contact the Office of Financial Aid for additional information.

Failure to pass the prescribed number of **NEW CREDITS** during an academic year will result in the student losing his/her eligibility for financial aid. Neither courses in which students withdraw ('W' grade) nor receive an incomplete ('I' grade) will count as earned credits toward the required number of new credits. Those students enrolled in developmental courses should contact the Office of Financial Aid to determine how these courses are counted for the purpose of academic progress. Summer session courses taken prior to the academic year in review do **NOT** count toward the required number of new credits.

Students who are ineligible to receive aid due to academic progress will be notified by mail at the conclusion of the spring semester, after grades have been posted. Students will have the opportunity to appeal the decision based on extraordinary circumstances or he/she may make up the credits **without financial aid** during the winter and summer sessions.

### **Maximum Student Aid Payments**

**PA State Grant** — There is a maximum of 8\* award payments for full-time undergraduate students.

\*Equivalent maximum payments and semesters have been established for students who are less than full time.

### **Maximum Length of Program and Eligibility to receive Federal Financial Aid**

Federal Regulations state that a student must complete his/her undergraduate program in 150% of the time of the scheduled length of the program. The standard length for students pursuing an undergraduate degree at Millersville University is the equivalent of 120 credits. *Regardless of receipt of any federal financial aid during the undergraduate program, a student may only receive federal financial aid [including Federal Pell Grant, Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG), National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART), Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program, Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Work-Study, Federal Stafford Loan, and Federal PLUS Loan] up to **180 credits** attempted. (Please be aware that your financial aid may be adjusted if you have attempted more than 168 credits).* Courses in which students withdraw or receive an incomplete grade **will** count toward the number of attempted credits. The Office of Financial Aid will notify students when this credit limit is reached.

**Transfer Students** - All transfer credits accepted by Millersville will count toward the 180-credit limit.

### **Academic Dismissal**

A student who is dismissed from Millersville University for academic reasons will be eligible for financial aid only if they have met the prescribed number of credits for academic progress at the time of the student's initial semester of re-entry to Millersville University.