

RVC Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy for Title IV Direct Loan Recipients on Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine Programmes

The RVC is committed to ensuring that all students are meeting the satisfactory academic requirements to continue receiving Title IV Direct Loans for:

- o Bachelor in Veterinary Medicine (5 Year Programme)
- o Accelerated Bachelor in Veterinary Medicine (4 Year Programme)

1. Overview

Federal Aid students enrolled at the RVC are required to meet satisfactory progress requirements. Under U.S Federal law (34CFR 668.16(e) and 668.34) the College is required to ensure that all Federal Aid students (i.e. those in receipt of Title IV funding) must be enrolled and making satisfactory academic progress (SAP) in order to be eligible to receive Title IV Federal Loans. These regulations require that the RVC checks the academic progress of all Title IV students. This definition of SAP may be different from other RVC policies and is not a replacement for College academic regulations.

2. Definition of SAP

Our definition of Satisfactory Academic Progress for the purposes of receiving Title IV Federal Loans

Programme	Standard Timeframe	Maximum Timeframe
Accelerated Bachelor in Veterinary Medicine	4 Years	6 Years
Bachelor in Veterinary Medicine	5 Years	7.5 Years

Programme	Programme Length in Credits	Maximum Federal Timeframe for Completion	Pace
Accelerated Bachelor in Veterinary Medicine (4 Years)	480	6 Years (720 credits)	67%
Bachelor in Veterinary Medicine (5 Years)	600	7.5 Years (900 credits)	67%

Transfer of credit from other institutions is not allowed on the programmes.

Both the qualitative and quantitative SAP standards are reviewed at each evaluation point, which is at the end of the academic year.

Procedure for assessing Satisfactory Academic Progress of US Federal Aid recipients at RVC

The academic progress of students will be assessed at the end of each academic year, to ensure they remain on course to complete at the required pace within the maximum timeframe whilst maintaining a minimum cumulative grade of 50%.

Students who fail to meet these standards are placed on financial aid suspension and are not eligible to receive federal aid until they are once again meeting the overall SAP policy requirements or submit a successful SAP Appeal (placed on financial aid probation).

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Examples of changes that will affect your SAP progress

Reassessment Due to Academic Failure

Students who are resubmitting work or re-sitting examinations to complete a year, but are not in attendance, are not eligible for Title IV loans.

Suspended Students

Students undertaking a period of suspension/suspension of status, including maternity/paternity/adoption leave, approved by the Student Progress and Development committee will not forfeit future eligibility provided they can graduate within the maximum timeframe. However, they will not be eligible for Title IV loans until resumption of study.

Incomplete Grades

Students who have not submitted assessments may have their Title IV loans withdrawn as they may not meet the minimum pass rates and pace of credit completion.

Repeat Year after Failure

The Examination Board are responsible for determining a student's onward progression, in accordance with RVC regulations. In the case where a student is not permitted to progress onto the next term/semester/year, they have failed to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress and will be placed on financial aid suspension. They will be notified of this by the Financial Aid Office, along with the procedure for appealing this determination (see Appeals).

Appeals

SAP Appeal Form

Name:

Course:

I have read the RVC Satisfactory Academic Progress policy for my course and am appealing against being placed on financial aid suspension.

Please tick either or both statements