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CATALOG ADDENDUM

Catalog 2009

1. Revision of the SAP Policy

Revision to the SAP Policy: The following will replace the SAP Policy for AiA and its branch campus. Please replace the current policy shown on page 187 for each catalog.

Undergraduate Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy **Effective for quarters beginning on or after April 1, 2012**

I. Purpose/Scope

The Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy ensures that all students enrolled in certificate, diploma, and undergraduate degree programs are maintaining satisfactory academic progress towards a successful completion of their academic programs. The criteria and standards contained in this policy are set to recognize exemplary academic achievements or to detect problems for which actions of early intervention and/or remediation can be taken. The Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy complies with requirements of accrediting commission(s) along with federal regulatory guidelines.

II. Policy Guidance

A student must demonstrate Satisfactory Academic Progress by successfully completing courses attempted. Completing courses with *C* or better grades indicates academic progress. Receiving *D* or lower grades and/or withdrawing from classes may put students at risk. Poor academic performance may lead to Academic/Financial Warning and/or Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal. It is very important that students attend all registered courses and complete them successfully. Should a compelling reason arise that requires a student to cease attendance, it is the student's responsibility to immediately contact the Dean/Vice President of Academic Affairs or Registrar's Office.

The following criteria are used to determine whether or not a student is making Satisfactory Academic Progress. A student must be able to:

- Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA);
- Achieve the minimum incremental completion rate (ICR); and
- Complete the program within a maximum allowable timeframe (MTF).

Students who fail to meet the minimum standards of any of the above criteria will be notified by letter by the Dean/Vice President of Academic Affairs or Campus Registrar within four (4) business days of determination.

Administrative actions will be taken when a student fails to meet the minimum standards of any of the above criteria. If the resulting action results in Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal, a student may appeal the Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal. If the appeal is denied, the student will remain dismissed and can no longer attend or receive Title IV aid at the Institute.

The Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy contains the following information:

- Criteria for Honors Designations
- Milestones and Evaluation Points for Satisfactory Academic Progress
 - Academic/Financial Aid Warning
- Procedure for Appealing Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal
- Procedure to Apply for Re-Entry after Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal
 - Academic/Financial Aid Probation and an Academic Plan

- Explanations of Related Issues

Failure to complete courses successfully for any reason will negatively affect Satisfactory Academic Progress. Failing courses or withdrawing from courses could result in the loss of financial aid and academic dismissal. Please meet with academic advisor if you are having attendance concerns, feel you are failing a course or courses or before withdrawing from a course or courses to determine how that will impact SAP at your next evaluation points. In order for a student to graduate, the minimum requirements are a CGPA of 2.0, 66.67% ICR, and completion of the program without attempting more than 150% of the credits in the program.

While the terms Academic/Financial Aid Warning, Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal, and Academic/Financial Aid Probation are used, the status applies to all students whether receiving aid or not.

The College has the right to modify the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy at any time.

Criteria for Honors Designations

To promote academic excellence and to recognize exemplary academic achievement, the following system is recommended for honor designations on a quarterly basis and upon graduation.

Quarter Honors Designations (at the completion of a quarter)

Any student who enrolls for and completes 12 credits or more is eligible for the following designations:

Quarter GPA	Honors Designation
4.0	President's Honor List
3.7-3.99	Dean's Honor List
3.5-3.69	Honor Roll

Honors Designation at Graduation

Students who achieve a CGPA of 3.5 or better are designated as Honor Graduates.

Transitional studies courses are not considered when evaluating honors designations.

Milestones and Evaluation Points for Satisfactory Academic Progress

Compliance with Standards of Academic Progress is reviewed every quarter for all Certificate and Diploma programs.

Certificate and Diploma Programs:

1. At the end of the first quarter, students must attain a minimum CGPA of 1.0 and an ICR of 33.33%. Anything below these milestones will result in Academic/Financial Aid Warning for one quarter. Students who are only participating in Transitional Studies courses are considered to be maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).
2. At the end of the second quarter, students must attain a minimum CGPA of 1.5 and an ICR of 50.00%. Anything below these milestones will result in Academic/Financial Aid Warning for one quarter unless the student was on Academic/Financial Aid Warning in his or her previous quarter. If the student was on Academic/Financial Aid Warning in the previous quarter, failure to meet these standards will result in **Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal**. Students who are only participating in Transitional studies courses are considered to be maintaining SAP.

3. At the end of the third quarter, and every quarter thereafter, students must attain a minimum CGPA of 2.0 and an ICR of 66.67%. Anything below these milestones will result in Academic/Financial Aid Warning for one quarter unless the student was on Academic/Financial Aid Warning in his or her previous quarter. If the student was on Academic/Financial Aid Warning in the previous quarter, failure to meet these standards will result in **Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal**.
4. Students may not attempt more than 150% of the credits in their programs; anything in excess of 150% of the credits will result in **Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal**. Dismissal for violating the maximum timeframe (MTF) can happen at any time.
5. Students should note that if they are on Academic/Financial Aid Warning, it will be very difficult to meet the minimum requirements of the next evaluation point. Students should consult with their **academic advisor** concerning their exact requirements.
6. Transitional Studies courses are based on the result of the academic assessment tool. Like any course, students must successfully complete such courses in order to progress in the program. Transitional Studies course credits do not count towards the total number of credits for graduation nor do they count in the CGPA. Additionally, the courses do not count in determining the maximum time frame allowable to earn the certificate or diploma or in the incremental completion rate as attempted credits and, if successful, earned credits.
7. Transitional Studies courses do have credit hours assigned to them for enrollment and tuition charging purposes. While Transitional Studies courses are not included in the CGPA, a student who attempts but does not pass or withdraws from the same Transitional Studies course three times is **dismissed** and there is no right to appeal the termination.
8. Students on Academic/Financial Aid Warning are considered to be making progress toward meeting Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress and, if otherwise eligible may receive financial aid.
9. The grades, grade point average, cumulative data for all courses a student attempted at the Institution, as well as courses successfully transferred in from prior postsecondary education, are available on the student portal for review. There is also an indication if a student is on Academic/Financial Aid Warning, on Academic/Financial Aid Probation, or on Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal.
10. Compliance with SAP is reviewed every quarter for Certificate and Diploma programs. A student who starts or re-enters at a MID session will have that session count as an entire quarter for SAP purposes.

Certificate/Diploma	Evaluation Point	Milestones(CGPA and ICR)	Required Action
	End of First Quarter	< 1.0 and/or 33.33%	Academic/Financial Aid Warning
	End of Second Quarter	< 1.5 and/or 50.00%	Academic/Financial Aid Warning (if 1 st time)/ Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal (if on Academic/Financial Aid Warning)
	End of Third Quarter And every quarter thereafter	< 2.0 and/or 66.67%	Academic/Financial Aid Warning (if 1 st time)/

			Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal (if on Warning)
	At Any Time	Anything in excess of 150% MTF	Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal
Transitional Studies	At Any Time	3x Attempted Failures	Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal

Please note that if you do not pass the same Transitional Studies course after three attempts, the result will be Academic / Financial Aid Dismissal with no right to appeal the dismissal.

Unless otherwise noted, **Academic/Financial Aid Dismissals** can be appealed. Please see the Appeal Process below.

Degree Programs:

Degree programs are evaluated after a student has attempted three quarters and sixth quarters including portions of a quarter) during the first six quarters. After the sixth quarter, the student is evaluated at the end of each quarter. While grades, GPAs, and Incremental Completion Rates are made available at the end of a student’s quarter, they are informational only except at evaluation points. Please note students may be alerted of their progress at any time and may be required to take specific action.

1. At the end of the first academic year (an academic year is three (3) quarters in which courses are attempted in each quarter); students must achieve a minimum CGPA of 1.0 and an ICR of 33.33%. Anything below these milestones will result in Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal. Please note that if your ICR and /or GPA is at the minimum or you are close to the minimum, you may need to pass most or all of your courses during the next three quarters. While you are making SAP, we recommend that you meet with your academic advisor.
2. At the end of the second academic year, students must attain a minimum CGPA of 2.0 and an ICR of 66.67%. Anything below these milestones will result in Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal.
3. Starting the quarter after the sixth attempted quarter, and every quarter thereafter, students are evaluated at the end of each quarter and must attain a minimum CGPA of 2.0 and an ICR of 66.67%. Failure to meet these standards will result in Academic/Financial Aid Warning unless the student was on Financial Aid Warning the previous quarter. If the student was on Academic/Financial Aid Warning in the previous quarter, failure to meet these standards will result in Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal.
4. **Students may not attempt** more than 150% of the credits in their programs; anything in excess of 150% of the credits will result in Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal. Dismissal for violating the maximum timeframe (MTF) can happen at any time.
5. *Placement into Transitional Studies* courses are based on the result of the academic assessment tool. Like any course, students must successfully complete such courses in order to progress in the program. Transitional studies course credits do not count towards the total number of credits for graduation nor do they count in the CGPA. Additionally, the transitional study course(s) do not count in determining the maximum time frame allowable to earn the degree and do not count in the incremental completion rate as attempted credits and, if successful, earned credits. Please note that the student will be dismissed immediately if the student does not successfully complete the same Transitional Study upon a third attempt.
6. **Transitional Studies** courses do have credit hours assigned to them for enrollment and tuition charging purposes. While Transitional Studies courses are not included in the CGPA, a student who attempts but does not pass or withdraws from the same Transitional Studies course three times is **dismissed** and there is no right to appeal the dismissal.

7. The grades, grade point average, cumulative data for all courses a student attempted at the Institution, as well as courses successfully transferred in from prior postsecondary education, are available on the student portal for review. There is also an indication if a student is on Academic/Financial Aid Warning, on Academic/Financial Aid Probation or on **Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal**.
8. For Degree programs, compliance with SAP is reviewed every academic year during a student's first two years and then quarterly thereafter. A student who starts or re-enters at a MID session will have that session count as an entire quarter for SAP purposes.

Degree Programs	Evaluation Point	Milestones(CGPA and ICR)	Required Action
	End of First Academic Year	< 1.00and/or 33.33%	Academic/ Financial Aid Dismissal
	End of Second Academic Year	< 2.0 and/or 66.67%	Academic / Financial Aid Dismissal
	End of Seventh Quarter and Thereafter	< 2.0 and/or 66.67%	Academic/Financial Aid Warning (if 1 st time)/ Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal (if on Academic/Financial Aid Warning)
	At Any Time	Anything in excess of 150% MTF	Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal
Transitional Studies	At Any Time	3x Attempted Failures	Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal

Please note that if you do not pass the same Transitional Studies course after three attempts, the result will be Academic / Financial Aid Dismissal with no right to appeal the dismissal.

Unless otherwise noted, Academic/Financial Aid Dismissals may be appealed. Please see the Appeal Process below.

A student enrolled in Transitional Studies courses must be able to pass the same Transitional Studies course after three attempts or that student will be placed on Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal.

To be removed from Academic/Financial Aid Warning or Academic/Financial Aid Probation, a student must meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements at the next applicable measuring point.

Procedure for Appealing Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal

A student who is dismissed for violating Satisfactory Academic Progress must appeal in writing to the Dean/Vice President of Academic Affairs for re-entry before the start of the quarter in which he/she wishes to return. The written appeal must state the mitigating circumstances that contributed to the dismissal. The written appeal must be supported with appropriate documentation of the mitigating circumstances with an explanation on how the circumstances have been remedied or changed to ensure that he or she will be able to meet satisfactory academic progress if re-admitted.

The Dean/Vice President of Academic Affairs or an Appeals Committee will review the student's appeal and will determine within 14 business days of the date of the receipt of the appeal whether the circumstances and academic status warrant consideration for re-admission. The student may be asked to appear in person during the review process when deemed necessary by the Dean/Vice President of Academic Affairs or the Appeals Committee. Upon the Appeals Committee decision, the student will be notified by the Dean/Vice President of Academic Affairs both verbally and in writing. The Appeals Committee decision will be final.

Following is a comprehensive list of events that indicate there may be a mitigating circumstance which has negatively impacted academic progress:

- Death of an immediate family member
- Student illness requiring hospitalization (this includes mental health issues)
- Illness of an immediate family member where the student is the primary caretaker
- Illness of an immediate family member where the family member is the primary financial support
- Abusive relationships
- Divorce proceedings
- Previously undocumented disability
- Work-related transfer during the period
- Change in work schedule during the period
- Natural disaster
- Family emergency
- Financial hardship such as foreclosure or eviction
- Loss of transportation where there are no alternative means of transportation
- Documentation from a Professional Counselor
- A doctor documented illness of the student for a significant period of time
- Military deployment

A student who is successful in his or her appeal is able to apply for re-entry and if otherwise eligible, receive financial aid; however, the student will be placed on Academic/Financial Aid Probation at the start of the academic quarter. A student on Academic/Financial Aid Probation may receive financial aid (if otherwise eligible).

The Dean/Vice President of Academic Affairs is responsible for determining the appropriateness of the mitigating circumstance in regards to severity, timing and duration of the mitigating circumstance, and the student's ability to avoid the circumstance. Any consideration of the conditions outside of the list provided should be discussed with the Art Institute Vice President of Academic Affairs. Student life issues and making the transition to college are not considered mitigating circumstances under this policy since students have at least two quarters to adjust to college life.

Documentation from a professional counselor should not breach the student/counselor relationship and should remain confidential. A memorandum or letter on school or organizational letterhead indicating a counselor's opinion that the student issues may be accommodated to ensure that the student will be able to meet Satisfactory Academic Progress will suffice as proof of mitigating circumstances as well as documentation that the student's circumstances have been remedied or changed to ensure that the

student will be able to meet Satisfactory Academic Progress with the accommodations from the institution.

If a student's appeal is successful, the student will be placed on Academic/Financial Aid Probation for one quarter. Academic Advisors, Registrars, and/or Academic Department Chairs/Program Directors must document and maintain as part of the appeals process a concrete plan for how a student will complete his remaining coursework by the next measurement point as well as how the student's progression will be monitored. The Academic Plan must detail specific time frames and student success measures and cannot be greater than one (1) quarter for certificate or diploma programs but for degree programs may be up to two (2) quarters. The Academic Plan must be reviewed with the student to ensure that designated Academic Plan is being met and the student is on track to achieve the success measures within the approved timeframe. There cannot be a change to the academic plan once approved by the student and the institution. Failure to meet the established goals approved in the appeal will result in Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal.

A student denied an appeal must sit out one year before being eligible to apply for re-entry. Also, any student who ceased attendance and whose grades in the last quarter of attendance caused him or her to not meet the minimum standards of the Satisfactory Academic Progress must go through the same appeal process. The appeal procedure described in the preceding section applies. The student must demonstrate resolution to any mitigating circumstances and demonstrate that he or she will be able to meet satisfactory academic progress if re-admitted.

If the appeal is granted, the re-entering student will be placed on Academic/Financial Aid Probation at the start of his or her quarter of return. The student must meet the standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress by the end of his or her first quarter if in a diploma program and up to the second quarter if in a degree program (but only if there is a documented Academic Plan between the Institution and the student) to continue in the program. **The agreed upon academic plan must result in thresholds that exceed the last evaluation point's minimums and be sufficient for the student to realistically meet the next evaluation point.** The student may be asked to retake courses previously failed in order to raise both the CPGA and ICR. **If a student was initially denied a re-entry appeal and sat out for one year before attempting to re-enter, the student must submit a second appeal for consideration for re-entry. If the second re-entry appeal is denied, no additional appeals may be allowed and the student is permanently academically dismissed.**

Upon the Appeals Committee decision, the student is notified by the Dean/Vice President of Academic Affairs both verbally and in writing. The Appeals Committee decision will be final.

Any student who is on Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal can no longer attend school nor get Title IV at the Institution.

Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal Appeals not Allowed

A student who attempts but does not pass the same Transitional Studies course three times is **dismissed** and there is not a right to appeal the dismissal.

Additional Appeal Procedures:

While an appeal can be made for Maximum Time Frame, the Institution and the Art Institute Vice President of Academic Affairs must review the appeal.

If a student who has successfully appealed an Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal is later again dismissed, the student can file one additional appeal as long as the appeal is based on different mitigating circumstances from any previous appeal, the new mitigating circumstance occurred after the previous successful appeal, the student is showing significant Satisfactory Academic Progress and mathematically the student can meet the next SAP evaluation points requirements.

In addition to the Institution's Review of the Appeal, it must also be reviewed by the Art Institute Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Explanations of Related Issues

Calculation of CGPA

A student's cumulative grade point average is calculated by a) Multiplying credits for each course by grade points associated with the grade earned; b) Totaling the grade points earned for all the courses, and c) Dividing total grade points earned by the total number of quality credits. The Institute uses a 4.0 scale in assigning grade points.

Transitional Studies Courses

Many Art Institutes require academic assessments. Depending on assessment scores, students may be required to take Transitional Studies courses. Students must successfully complete such courses in order to progress in the program. Transitional Studies course credits do not count towards the total number of credits for graduation nor do they count in the CGPA. Additionally, they do not count in determining the maximum timeframe and the incremental completion rate.

While Transitional Studies course(s) are not included in the CGPA, each individual Transitional Studies course may be attempted no more than three times. Failure to pass the courses within the attempts permitted will result in dismissal from the Institution and there is no right to appeal the dismissal.

Repeated Courses and Grades

As courses are retaken, only the highest grade will count in the GPA/CGPA. All attempts are included in the credit hours attempted for the purposes of calculating the incremental completion rate (ICR). Withdrawn and failing grades are included in the maximum allowable timeframe and incremental completion rate as credit hours attempted but not earned. The grade *Incomplete (I)* is calculated as if it is an *F* for CGPA and ICR purposes until it is changed to another grade and the course will be included as credits attempted but not credits earned until it is changed to another grade.

Remediation of Academic Deficiencies

It is strongly recommended that any student with withdrawn or failing grades enroll in the same course(s) in the subsequent quarter to improve academic performance.

Transfer Credits from another Postsecondary Institution

Credits from transfer courses are calculated in the maximum allowable credits and incremental completion rate requirements as credits attempted and credits earned.

Grades for credits transferred from any other postsecondary institution will be recorded as *Transfer Credit (TR)* and will not be calculated in the student's CGPA.

Change of Program

Students will be allowed one change of program. Changing from a day program to an evening program of the same major is not considered a change of major. Changing from an associate's program to a bachelor's program in the same major is not considered a change of major. Courses that apply to the second major will be recorded as earned credit and will affect the student's CGPA and will be included as credits attempted and credits earned. Students who change programs must sign a new program enrollment agreement which must be filed in the student's academic file. Note: If a student is at the

point of dismissal for Satisfactory Academic Progress in the first major, that student must be put on Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal, appeal the dismissal, have the appeal granted based on mitigating circumstances before transferring to the new major. Under no circumstances can a request to change majors circumvent a dismissal of Satisfactory Academic Progress.

In cases in which a student has graduated from one program in the Institution then subsequently begins work in a different program, grades earned in the first program, if applicable to the new program, will be recorded with the letter grades and thus will be included in the Cumulative Grade Point Average and will be included in the Incremental Completion Rate as credits attempted and credits earned.

Transfers from another Art Institute

A student must be maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress in order to be allowed the opportunity of transferring from one program to another or from one school or campus to another. A student who is on Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal and wishes to transfer to another affiliated Art Institute must appeal his/her Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal at the originating school and receive reinstatement prior to the transfer.

Please note that course credits and applicability of those credits at each Art Institute for a program can vary from location to location. Please carefully discuss any possible transfer with the Art Institute you wish to attend.

Grading System

At the conclusion of each course in the program, the student receives a report of his or her grade(s) for the course(s) just completed. These grades are entered also in the student's academic transcript, which is updated each quarter. The criteria for determining a student's grade shall be as follows (on a percentage of total point basis):

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Academic Grading System

The grading system incorporates letter grades, equivalent numeric values and letter codes as follows:

<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Quality Points</u>
A	4.0
A-	3.7
B+	3.4
B	3.0
B-	2.7
C+	2.4
C	2.0
C-	1.7
D+	1.4
D	1.0
F	0.0 *

*F does compute in GPA and CGPA and does count as credit attempted.

Other Grade Codes worth Zero Quality Points:

CR = Credit through examination	Credits Earned/TR grade. This does not affect CGPA. They do impact ICR and MTF.
I = Incomplete	Affects ICR/MTF/CGPA(Computes as an F)
S = Suspension	Affects ICR/MTF/CGPA(Computes as an F)
NP = Not passing/Fail	Does not affect ICR/CGPA This grade designation is utilized to indicate that a student did not acceptably complete a non credited course
P = Proficiency Credit by Exam or Portfolio	This does not affect CGPA. They do impact ICR and MTF.
PA = Pass	This grade designation is utilized to indicate that a student acceptably completed a non credited course. Does not affect ICR/MTF/CGPA. This code will appear for remedial courses taken at schools utilizing the Campus Vue Student Information System (SIS). This code will be followed by the course grade. Does not affect ICR/MTF/CGPA/SCGPA
RE = Remedial Course	This grade designation is utilized to indicate that a student acceptably completed a non credited course. Does not affect ICR/MTF/CGPA.
SP or SA = Satisfactory/Pass	Affects ICR/MTF/CGPA (Computes as an F)
T = Termination from course	Grade designation utilize for transfer credits. This does not affect CGPA. They do impact ICR and MTF.
TR = External Transfer Credit	Indicates that a student unsuccessfully completed a non-credited course. Does not affect ICR/MTF/CGPA.
U = Unsatisfactory	Commonly used when waiving a Transitional course and does not affect ICR/MTF/CGPA
WV = Waiver	Self-explanatory and does not affect ICR/MTF/CGPA
WX = Course was registered for but never attended	

Students receive grades at the end of each quarter including midquarter. The grade report contains both the grade point average for the quarter (GPA) and cumulative grade point average (CGPA) for the

program. When a course is repeated after failure, the grade earned upon repeating the class replaces the original grade in determining the grade point average, though the failing grade will still appear on the transcript.

Repeating Courses

Grades earned in repeated courses will replace grades of 'F', 'W', or 'WF'. Course credits with grades of 'F', 'W', or 'WF' are included in the maximum time frame (MTF) and incremental completion rate (ICR) requirements as credits attempted but not earned. Students with incomplete grades will receive an 'F' if a grade change is not submitted by the end of the second week of the following term. The grade 'I' indicates Incomplete and is calculated as if it is an 'F' until it is changed to another grade and the course will be included as course credits attempted, but not earned. Only if it is part of an Academic Plan may students retake courses in which they received a passing grade in order to improve their CGPA but can retake a course passed only one additional time. Credits from all repeated courses are included as credits attempted. The highest grade earned will be used in the CGPA calculations.

Changed Grade

When a final course grade has been established and recorded in the student record, the grade may not be changed without approval by both the Academic Department Director and the Dean/Vice President of Academic Affairs. Only the final grade (not the original grade/code) will be computed in the grade point average. The final grade is the one that counts in the calculation.

Calculations

The Art Institute measures and records academic performance by computing the Grade Point Average (GPA) and Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) for each student, using the letter grades, four-point scale and credit-hour values. GPA is the average of grade points a student earns during one quarter. CGPA is the cumulative average of all grade points a student has earned over all quarters at The Art Institute. Transitional study courses do not count in this calculation.

Here is an example of how GPA and CGPA are computed: Imagine that a student is taking a total of two courses during one quarter. One course has a four credit hours value and the student earns an A. The second course has a three credit hour value and the student earns a B. Remember, each letter grade carries a grade point value. Grade point values are multiplied by credit hours.

In this example:

A = 4 grade points x 4 credit hours = 16 grade points earned

B = 3 grade points x 3 credit hours = 9 grade points earned

To compute the GPA, divide the total number of grade points earned for the quarter by the total number of credit hours earned for the quarter.

In this example:

16 grade points + 9 grade points = 25 total grade points

25 grade points earned divided by 7 total hours earned = student's GPA for the quarter, 3.57, which is rounded to 3.6.

A student's CGPA is computed in the same way by dividing the student's total grade points earned from all quarters/semester at The Art Institute by the student's total credit hours earned from all quarters at The Art Institute. (The CGPA is calculated by rounding up to the nearest tenth if the last digit is 5 or greater. It is rounded down to the nearest tenth of the last digit if the last digit is less than 5. Example: 1.95 = 2.0, 1.94 = 1.90)

Incremental completion rate is determined as follows (transitional study credits do not count in this calculation):

$\frac{\text{(EARNED CREDITS at the institution + TRANSFER CREDITS Accepted)}}{\text{(ATTEMPTED CREDITS at the institution + TRANSFER CREDITS Accepted)}}$
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The 150% MTF: Only the attempted and transferred courses required in the program for which the student is currently enrolled are used in determining the number of MTF credits remaining. Transitional study courses do not count in this calculation.

The 150% MTF is determined as follows:

$\text{TOTAL CREDITS NEEDED TO GRADUATE FROM THE PROGRAM} \times 1.5 = \text{TOTAL NUMBER OF CREDITS ALLOWED TO BE ATTEMPTED.}$

STUDENT STATUS CHANGES AND SAP

Transfer Students

Transfer credits from other post-secondary institutions applied to the current program of study are used to calculate attemptable credits remaining and remaining credits to graduate. Therefore, the maximum number of attempted credits for a student with transfer credit is still one and one-half times the number of credits required to complete a program for graduation.

Example: if a student transfers in 36 credits to a program consisting of 180 credits, the calculation would be $180 \times 1.5 = 270$ credits. Therefore, the 36 transfer credits would be considered attempted and earned so only 234 more credits could be attempted.

Grades for credits transferred in from any post-secondary institution (including an Art Institute) will be recorded as "TR" in the Student Information System and will not affect the student's CGPA.

Students wishing to transfer from one Art Institute to another may do so only if they are in good standing at the sending school. If the student is transferring to a different institution (as defined by the Department of Education), then he or she is treated as a student transferring in from an unaffiliated institution. Any student dismissed for violation satisfactory academic progress cannot transfer or be considered a New student (if they had a break in enrollment) at another Art Institute until he or she has been granted an appeal at the original school and is deemed to be making satisfactory academic progress.

Changes in Program

Unless a second change is specifically approved for the specific student by the Dean/Vice President of Academic Affairs, students are allowed only one change of program and must be making satisfactory academic progress at the time a request is made to change programs.

Courses taken in one program that is applicable to the second program will be transferred with the applicable grade. If the student has taken a course more than once, only the grades transferred to that new program will apply to the second program. All grades earned in the original program that apply to the new program will count towards the CGPA. For ICR and 150% purposes only, those courses transferred will apply to the second program will be considered.

In the formulas below, the "CHANGE OF MAJOR" adjustment factor would be those credits from the previous major that we will NOT count in the student's current major.

Incremental completion rate is determined as follows (Transitional credits do not count in this calculation):

(EARNED CREDITS in the New Program + TRANSFER CREDIT ACCEPTED) minus CHANGE OF MAJOR ADJUSTMENT FACTOR FOR EARNED CREDITS

(ATTEMPTED CREDITS in the New Program + TRANSFER CREDITS Accepted) minus CHANGE OF MAJOR ADJUSTMENT FACTOR FOR EARNED CREDITS

The 150% MTF Only the attempted and transferred courses required in the program for which the student is currently enrolled are used in determining the number of MTF credits remaining. An MTF violation occurs when the credits remaining to graduate exceeds the attemptable credits remaining.

The 150% MTF is determined as follows:

TOTAL CREDITS NEEDED in the PROGRAM TO GRADUATE times 1.5 = TOTAL NUMBER OF CREDITS ALLOWED TO BE ATTEMPTED.

Second Degree

When a student has graduated from The Art Institute in one program, then subsequently begins work in a different program, grades used in the CGPA of the previous program will be applied to the student's new program CGPA calculation.

Satisfactory Academic Progress for Educational Benefits which are not Title IV Funds

Please note that in order to receive and/or retain certain education benefits from a source other than the Department of Education, it may require a higher cumulative grade point average and/or a higher incremental completion rate. Examples of these education benefits are State Grants, Veterans' Benefits, Department of Defense (TA) benefits or employee reimbursements. Please check with the Student Financial Service Office for details.