

Students who receive benefits in any of the following programs - **Pell Grant, Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP), Federal Work-Study, FSEOG, Direct Student Loan (subsidized and unsubsidized), TEACH Grant, Illinois Veterans Grant (GPA only), and Illinois National Guard Grant (GPA only)** must maintain satisfactory academic progress at the end of each term. Students must successfully complete a percentage of their hours enrolled and earn grades that place them in satisfactory academic progress, in order to continue to be eligible to receive financial aid. Complete details are listed below.

1. COURSE COMPLETION REQUIREMENT (Quantitative Standard) Students will be measured at the end of each semester.

Semester: All students must successfully complete at least 67% of each semester hours attempted.

Cumulative: All students must successfully complete at least 67% of all semester hours attempted while at Morton College.

Please refer to the Course Completion Requirement table below for an explanation of the 67% percent policy.

COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

Enrolled (Attempted) Credit Hours	Must Complete (Earned) Credit Hours
16hrs.....	11hrs
14-15hrs.....	10hrs
13hrs.....	9hrs
11-12hrs.....	8hrs
10hrs.....	7hrs
8-9hrs.....	6hrs
7hrs.....	5hrs
6hrs.....	4hrs
5hrs or Less	all credit hours

Grades of A, B, C, D, and P's are considered successful completions. Grades of incomplete (I), withdrawal (W), Failure (F), Unsatisfactory (U), are NOT considered successful completion. Developmental courses (zero level) are included in the total number of hours attempted. Excused withdrawals will count toward hours attempted for the cumulative completion rate as well as cumulative GPA. *(Not applicable to Veterans' Benefits)*

2. GRADE POINT AVERAGE

For financial aid purposes, the GPA is calculated using all Morton College 100 and 200 level credit classes. The following GPA requirement applies:

All students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or greater.

3. MAXIMUM TIME FRAME REQUIREMENT

Students will NOT be allowed to receive financial aid after 150% of their undergraduate program is exceeded. For instance, if your academic program can be completed within 62 credit hours, the maximum period must not exceed 93 (62 x 1.5) attempted credit hours. This includes transfer work and coursework equivalent to an awarded Associate's Degree. For students pursuing a certificate program (30 credit hours), the maximum period must not exceed 45 (30 x 1.5) attempted credit hours. All enrollments such as repeats and withdrawals at Morton College are considered attempted hours even if no financial aid was previously received. All students receiving an Associate's Degree or Certificate will be required to submit an appeal explaining the reason why they're pursuing an additional degree or certificate.

4. FINANCIAL AID WARNING/SUSPENSION/PROBATION

- **Warning:** The first time a student fails to maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 and/or 67% course completion rate, he/she will be placed on warning. Students placed on warning are still eligible to receive financial aid for one semester.
- **Suspension:** Students will be placed on suspension status the following semester if he/she fails to achieve a GPA of 2.0 for the second time. A student will also be placed on suspension status if the current and/or cumulative attempted credit hour completion rate is less than 67% for the second time. Students placed on suspension status will be ineligible for any federal or state assistance. Notification of ineligibility will be sent after final grades have been posted, however it is the student's responsibility to know their academic progress status and how it affects their eligibility.
- **Probation:** Students will be placed on probation if their appeal** is approved by the Financial Aid Standards of Progress Committee. If the student does not meet financial aid standards, he/she will be terminated from receiving financial aid and will not be granted another opportunity to appeal.

** A student who is placed in suspension status due to not maintaining satisfactory academic progress may submit a Standards of Progress appeal for reinstatement if he/she believes extenuating circumstances may exist. All appeals will be directed to the Financial Aid Standards of Progress Committee.

Note**** All prior academic records that do not meet the minimum standards set by Morton College will automatically be placed on a Financial Aid Suspension regardless of receipt of previously awarded aid.

5. DEVELOPMENTAL COURSEWORK

Students may receive financial aid for a maximum of 30 attempted semester hours of developmental coursework if student is accepted into an eligible program (please see a complete listing of courses in the 2017-2018 Morton College catalog).

6. REPEATED COURSEWORK

Financial aid will only be granted once for the repeated course taken. Further information is available in the 2017-2018 Morton College Catalog.

Reminder***** All repeats including passed or failed will be included in the total number of hours attempted.