Keys to Financial Aid Academic Progress Success for Undergraduate Students



- 1 Undergraduate students must maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA).
- 2 Complete at least 12 credits of nonrepeat courses required for graduation each semester.
- 3 Undergraduate students with 60 or more credits must earn 67% of all attempted credits. Students with less than 60 credits must complete 50% of attempted credits.
- 4 Don't withdraw from too many classes. Don't withdraw from classes to "save" your GPA unless you check with the Office of Student Financial Services first.
- 5 Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) Grant Eligibility:
 - a) For the TAP Grant, students must register for 12 required credits each semester. There is some flexibility with the registration requirements during the final two semesters prior to graduation. Please contact the TAP Certifying Officer in the Office of Student Accounts for guidance at stuacct@newpaltz.edu.
 - b) At least 12 new credits must be taken each semester for the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) Grant. A repeat course is acceptable if the original grade earned does not meet the program requirements, as long as the course is considered a "required" course.

- c) Falling below 12 new credits during the liability period could remove the TAP Grant from the student's account that current semester. Students finishing a semester without completing 12 credits could be ineligible for the TAP Grant in a following semester. Please contact the TAP Certifying Officer in the Office of Student Accounts for guidance at stuacct@newpaltz.edu.
- 6 Register for 15 credits each semester.
- 7 To be eligible for federal loan aid, students must be registered for 6 credits each semester.
- 8 Use electives and general education (GE) courses to complete double majors and minors.
- 9 Declare a major before earning 60 credits.
- 10 Financial Aid packages are initially calculated based on full-time enrollment, defined as 12 or more credits per semester. Students who plan to enroll for less than 12 credits per semester must complete and submit the Part-Time Enrollment Form found on our website.
- 11 Dropping out of college during the semester can be a bad idea. Students could end up owing the college a lot of money. Contact your financial aid and academic advisor for guidance before withdrawing from all of your classes.

Remember that academic decisions may have financial consequences. Please consult your academic and financial aid advisors before making decisions. Scan for further resources >



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