



Fresh Start Financial Aid and Scholarship Disclosure

- There will be two separate GPAs for students returning under this Program - one for financial aid, and one for their transcript.
- All courses taken for current or previous undergraduate majors at all campuses of the University of Colorado are included in the financial aid GPA (even if a student has not applied for financial aid). This means that in most cases, the transcript GPA will be higher than the financial aid GPA.
- If the financial aid GPA is less than 2.0, the student may not qualify for financial aid due to Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements.
 - Students on Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) *warning* (based on all academic work in the CU system) will be eligible for financial aid for one semester. If the student is not meeting SAP requirements at the end of that semester, the student's financial aid will be suspended.
 - Students on Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) *suspension* (based on all academic work in the CU system) will not be eligible for financial aid unless they successfully appeal the SAP Suspension and are placed on SAP Probation.
- A student may be on Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) warning or suspension even if their transcript GPA is greater than 2.0. Financial Aid is required to use three (3) measures when evaluating Satisfactory Academic Progress. The measures include grade point average (GPA), course completion rate (pace), and maximum timeframe. Visit our [webpage](#) to review the SAP Policy for full details for each measurement.
 - Undergraduate students with a course completion rate (pace) below 67% are not making satisfactory progress under this measure.
 - The 150% maximum timeframe applies based on all attempted coursework, including any forgiven classes.
 - Students in the Program on SAP *warning* or *suspension* for a reason other than GPA should contact Lynx Central to speak with a financial aid advisor for assistance with next steps.
- Students with scholarships should, in conjunction with help from the Financial Aid & Scholarship office, ensure the stipulations of their scholarship funds will allow them to use their scholarship funds in case of re-enrollment under Fresh Start.



Fresh Start Financial Aid and Scholarship FAQs

Why is my GPA for financial aid different than my GPA for my academic transcript?

All courses taken for current or previous undergraduate majors at all campuses of the University of Colorado must be included in the financial aid GPA, regardless of if a student has applied for financial aid. Federal Student Aid (FSA) rules do not allow for grades for courses previously taken at CU Denver to be excluded as allowed for the academic transcript under the Fresh Start program, and therefore, all previous coursework applicable to the undergraduate career will be counted towards pace, GPA and maximum time.

If I return under the Fresh Start program will I be eligible for financial aid?

Fresh Start does not change your financial aid history. All coursework at all CU system campuses will continue to be counted for Financial Aid purposes. Refer to the questions below regarding eligibility under SAP warning and suspension.

Will I be eligible for financial aid if my financial aid was suspended under the [Satisfactory Academic Progress \(SAP\)](#) requirements?

Fresh Start does not affect or alter your records for financial aid eligibility. Students on SAP *suspension* will not be eligible for financial aid when returning under the Fresh Start Program unless they successfully appeal their SAP Suspension. Visit or [SAP Page](#) to learn how to receive financial aid after it's been suspended.

Can I receive financial aid for courses that I retake after entering the Fresh Start Program?

Federal Student Aid (FSA) rules allows students to receive aid to retake a passed course one time only. Financial aid can only pay twice for a course passed. If you previously received a passing grade (D- or higher), financial aid can only pay for you to take the course one more time. Once you have taken and passed a course twice, credit for the course will be excluded from your credit hours for financial aid and you can no longer receive aid for that course.