

MFA PROGRAM
SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS STANDARDS
Title IV Federal Funds

Students receiving Title IV federal funds are required by federal regulation to make Satisfactory Academic Progress toward a degree or certificate in order to maintain eligibility for this aid. In reviewing a student's progress, these standards are applicable regardless of whether or not financial aid has previously been received. (For complete graduation requirements for the Warren Wilson Master of Fine Arts degree, see Award of the Degree in the MFA Handbook.)

In our graduate degree program, it is possible to complete a semester without receiving credit (failure to meet course requirements – see Award of Credit in the MFA Handbook). It is also possible that one additional semester would be needed for completion of either the analytical essay and/or the thesis manuscript.

Satisfactory Academic Progress will be evaluated at the end of each six-month semester. Students who accumulate two consecutive semesters without academic credit will automatically lose eligibility for Federal aid such as the Federal Direct Stafford Loan or the Federal Direct GRAD PLUS. This will include completing studies without credit and withdrawals. It will not include approved LOAs.

Taking the above into consideration, a maximum of five semesters of full-time enrollment in the Program (including semesters without academic credit) will be allowed for continued participation in the Title IV federal programs. In other words, a student is eligible for Title IV aid for only the first five semesters of enrollment in the MFA Program, not including leaves of absence or residency only. No federal aid will be awarded after the fifth semester of enrollment, regardless of whether or not aid was received for any of the previous semesters.

Neither federal loans nor institutional grants are available for students attending the Program as "Residency Only" participants.

SAP is subject to change if necessary to remain in compliance with Federal Regulations.

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