Fact Sheet on Maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) for Law/LLM Programs

What are the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements for law or LLM students who are receiving federal aid?

- Law students must have a minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 2.0 for all law courses taken at St. Thomas University.
- Full-time law students must earn 75% of all credits attempted within the academic year (Fall/Spring).
- Less than full-time law students must earn ALL credits attempted within the academic year (Fall/Spring).

If I am academically suspended by the law school, what happens to my financial aid?
Even if you meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) for federal aid as listed above, you are no longer eligible to receive any federal and/or institutional aid due to academic suspension.

If I am appealing my academic suspension through the Academic Standing Committee, what happens to my financial aid?
No financial aid will be awarded until your case has been reviewed by the Academic Standing Committee. If the Academic Standing Committee approves your appeal, it does not mean your financial aid will be reinstated. You must meet satisfactory academic progress for federal aid to regain eligibility. To appeal your financial aid suspension, follow the procedures below.

If I do not meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) for federal aid, what happens to my financial aid?
Any students who do not meet satisfactory academic progress standards at the end of the semester will be placed on financial aid "warning" for one semester only. During the "warning" period, student must earn ALL credits attempted and maintain a 2.0 GPA for the semester.

If I am suspended due to not meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) for federal aid, how do I go about appealing?
Any student who does not meet satisfactory academic progress standards and is able to document extenuating circumstances may appeal the suspension or termination of financial aid eligibility. To appeal:

1. **S**ubmit the "Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal Form" available online at www.stu.edu/faforms with proper documentation to B.A.S.I.C. Office explaining the reason(s) for the request.
2. Submit a one page "academic plan" explaining how you will regain academic standing.
3. You will be notified of the decision within 15 business days of the receipt date.

If the Financial Aid Administrator denies the appeal, the student may request a "Final Appeal Request" form from B.A.S.I.C. Office. The Final Appeal Request will be reviewed by the Financial Aid Final Appeal Committee, and the student will be notified of their decision within 30 days. **This decision is final. Only one final appeal per academic year is allowed.**

What is timeframe limitation?
You are eligible to receive financial aid up to 133% of the credit hours required to earn your law or LLM degree. Once you have met this limit, you are no longer eligible to receive financial aid. If you have documentation to support your unusual circumstances for reaching timeframe, you can submit an appeal in writing with documentation.