FINANCIAL AID FACT SHEET
Satisfactory Academic Progress for Title IV Financial Aid

A recipient of Title IV federal aid must maintain certain standards of academic progress toward graduation, and VMI is required to have and enforce a policy to check academic progress annually. VMI’s policy is based, in part, on the following definitions:

- Regular semester denotes fall term or spring term.
- Full-time cadet is enrolled in at least 12 credit hours per semester.
- Completed semester hours are hours successfully completed with a passing grade.
- Attempted semester hours are hours attempted and successfully completed or not successfully completed. Attempted semester hours include incompletes, official withdrawals, unofficial withdrawals, unsatisfactory grades, failing grades and repeated units.
- Title IV Funds include Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal Direct Subsidized, Unsubsidized and PLUS Loans and Federal Perkins Loan.
- Academic year reflects fall semester, spring semester, summer I, summer II, and Summer Transition Program (STP).

Requirements. The eligible Title IV applicant at VMI must meet all of these minimum requirements: qualitative, quantitative and maximum time frame as defined below. For more detailed information, please review the Academic Standards (vmi.edu/academics/dean-of-the-faculty/registrar/institutional-information/) found on the VMI website. Audited classes and retaken coursework may also impact a cadet’s federal financial aid.

- Qualitative Requirement. Minimum cumulative grade point average (cum GPA) per established academic standards.
- Quantitative Requirement. Successful completion of 24 new semester hours completed each academic year. The quantitative measure is designed to ensure that the cadet completes the program within the maximum time frame.
- Maximum Time Frame. VMI expects the cadet to complete program requirements and graduate within a reasonable period of time. All cadets must complete required coursework within 10 regular semesters.

Notification. VMI measures Satisfactory Academic Progress at the end of each spring semester. The Financial Aid Office suspends Title IV aid and sends an email and written notice to each cadet who fails to meet all three measures of academic progress.

Appeal. A cadet has the right to appeal the decision to suspend Title IV eligibility based on failure to meet minimum standards of academic progress. The Financial Aid office provides an appeal form that may be submitted by the cadet. VMI’s Financial Aid Office reviews an appeal promptly, and the cadet is notified by email and in writing of the decision.

Reinstatement. A cadet who is not making Satisfactory Academic Progress, and loses Title IV Financial Aid eligibility as a result, may attend VMI without benefit of Title IV financial aid if the cadet is otherwise eligible to enroll. If the cadet’s academic progress improves and meets the standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress, their eligibility for Title IV Financial Aid will be reinstated the following term.

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