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While financial aid eligibility is determined by the Office of Student Financial Services, maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress is the responsibility of the student. Students not meeting SAP standards will be ineligible for financial aid whether or not written notice is received from the Office of Student Financial Services. Students failing to meet SAP standards may appeal the suspension of financial aid by completing this form and providing documentation to support an appeal. Supporting documents may include a letter from the student's Academic Advisor/Dean, bills or other documents demonstrating a student's hardship. The lack of supporting documentation may result in an appeal denial.

**Submit forms using ONE of the following methods:**

- 1. Online:** Log on to myUTH, click on the Document Center tile, select "FA Unsolicited Documents," upload the document, click submit.
- 2. In Person:** UCT Building, 7000 Fannin, Suite 2220, Houston, TX 77030

**A. STUDENT INFORMATION**

Student Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Program
Academic Advisor / Dean			Anticipated Graduation Date

**B. GUIDELINES**

**Submission Requests:**

Students have the right to submit a completed SAP Appeal form and any documentation necessary to substantiate the circumstances of the appeal within 10 business days of the notification/determination date. Appeals submitted after the 10<sup>th</sup> business day will not be evaluated or effective until the next term. Submissions must be sent to the Office of Student Financial Services. **Appeals may be submitted only once for each SAP requirement, but no more than two appeals will be accepted per academic year. Submitting an appeal does not guarantee the reinstatement of financial aid eligibility.**

**Tuition and Fees:** The student should make alternate payment arrangements to cover the cost of tuition and fees. Students are not eligible for institutional Emergency Loans until SAP is met or the SAP appeal is approved.

**Appeal Circumstances:**

- Personal health issue or injury
- Death of a relative
- Other extenuating circumstance. Exentuating circumstances will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

**Required Documents:**

- Appeal Form
- Documentation necessary to substantiate the circumstances of the appeal
- Degree Plan approved/signed by your Academic Advisor/Dean outlining the steps to be taken to achieve SAP standards.

**Review:**

All documentation will be reviewed by the Financial Aid Appeal Committee (FAAC) within 14 business days from the date the appeal and documentation was submitted.

**Decision:**

Students will be notified of the decision by the FAAC via e-mail or letter upon review completion.

**Student Completion Checklist:**

- 1. Completed Appeal form**
- 2. Appeal Letter:** Detail the extenuating circumstances that prevented you from meeting SAP standards. Describe the circumstances that led to your difficulty, the dates involved, how the situation has been resolved, and what corrective measures you will take to succeed. If this is not your first appeal, explain how the situation is different.
- 3. Supporting documentation**
- 4. Degree Plan**

**C. REASON FOR APPEAL**

Mark the box that applies for BOTH sections

I am not meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress for the following reason:

- Grade Point Average (GPA) does not meet the 2.0 (undergraduate) or 3.0 (graduate/professional) cumulative standards
- Rate of Progression does not meet at least 67% of the hours in which enrolled each academic year Maximum Time Frame exceeds the 150% of the published length of the academic program completion

I was unable to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) during the previous academic year due to:

- Personal health issue or injury
- Death of a relative
- Extenuating circumstances will be considered on a case-by-case basis. \_\_\_\_\_  
Extenuating Circumstance

**D. APPEAL**

Complete BOTH sections

Please explain the specific circumstances that prevented you from maintaining SAP. Attach as many additional pages as necessary to fully explain your individual circumstances.

Please explain how your situation has changed. Indicated what corrective measures you have taken or will take to achieve and maintain SAP.

**E. Certification and Signature**

The person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct.

**WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information you may be fined, sent to prison, or both.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature (no electronic signatures accepted)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

2024-2025

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# SAP Degree Plan

Office of Student Financial Services  
P. O. Box 20036 • Houston, TX 77225  
(713) 500-3860 phone • (713) 500-3863 fax  
<https://www.uth.edu/sfs/>

Student ID

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## INSTRUCTIONS

Students failing to meet SAP standards may appeal the suspension of financial aid. In so doing, the student is required to provide documentation to support an appeal such as a Degree Plan that has been approved and signed by the student's Academic Advisor or Dean. **Form is to be completed by the student's Academic Advisor or Dean and submitted to the Office of Student Financial Services.**

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Academic Advisor / Dean \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

## B. DEGREE PLAN

Please list below the course(s) required for the aforementioned student to complete his/her program of study. Enter each term on a separate table. Attach more pages if necessary.

Term	Course Number	Course Name	Total Credit Hours	Grade

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## C. CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURES

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Student Signature (*no electronic signatures accepted*)

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Date

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Academic Advisor / Dean Signature (*no electronic signatures accepted*)

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Date