



Federal Student Aid

All students receiving federal student aid must maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by Asbury Theological Seminary and the Financial Aid Office. Satisfactory academic progress is measured qualitatively and quantitatively.

Qualitatively, to maintain satisfactory academic progress a cumulative grade point average must be maintained according to the degree program in which the student is enrolled. The required GPAs (based on a 4.0 scale) for degree programs are as follows: MA/MDiv – 2.0; ThM/DMin 3.0; DMiss – 3.3; PhD – 3.5. (See Grading and Evaluation and Academic Probation in Asbury Seminary’s catalog.)

Quantitatively, satisfactory academic progress is measured as follows:

1. Students in the Master of Arts and Master of Divinity degree programs must complete a minimum of 15 hours per year, July 1 through June 30, in order to be eligible to apply for federal student loans for the following year. If you are a new student starting after the fall semester, the 15 hour requirement does not begin until the start of the upcoming July term.
2. Master of Divinity students are eligible for federal student aid for 7 calendar years from the time of matriculation; Master of Arts students are eligible for federal student aid for 5 calendar years from the time of matriculation.
3. Incompletes and withdrawals will not be counted as credit toward the 15 hour minimum requirement. Repetitions will be counted only if total credits earned for the year equal a minimum of 15 credit hours.
4. Students may make a written appeal to the Financial Aid Committee of a determination that the student is not making satisfactory academic progress. Appeals forms are available in the Financial Aid Office as well as in the Financial Aid folder in the FirstClass email system.
5. To re-establish satisfactory academic progress, a student is required to complete a 12 month period, meeting the minimum requirement of completing 15 credit hours while meeting the require G.P.A for the student’s degree program. The student will not be eligible for federal student aid during the 12 month period eligibility is being re-established.