



Boston University School of Law

Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy

Federal government regulations require that schools monitor satisfactory academic progress for each student who receives financial aid through the University. To be eligible to receive any type of financial assistance, including credit based private loans; all students at Boston University must meet all applicable academic criteria for their program.

The Law Financial Aid Office does not impose any academic progress criteria beyond the regulations and policies established by the School of Law for either the J.D. programs or the LL.M. programs. In order to retain their financial aid, students are only required to comply with the minimum academic requirements for their degree program. Information on academic regulations is available in your Student Handbook and on the BU Law website.

The staff of the Law Financial Aid Office does not make academic decisions. We will work with the Dean of Students Office to make decisions regarding academic standing that best fit individual student situations.

Probation

Students who fail to meet academic progress criteria will be placed on financial aid probation for one semester. Failure to improve one's academic standing by the end of the probationary period will result in the loss of financial assistance until the student has regained satisfactory standing.

Please note that the mere passage of time will not normally allow a student to regain financial aid eligibility. The student must demonstrate that they have improved their academic progress, i.e. increased their GPA, improved their course completion, etc.

If you have regained satisfactory standing, you will be removed from financial aid probation.

Appeals

If your financial aid has been cancelled as a result of a failure to meet academic criteria, you have the right to appeal the decision. To appeal, please submit a written request to the Director of Admissions and Financial Aid stating in detail the basis for your request.

The request should not be based on your financial need or your lack of understanding that your financial aid could be in jeopardy. An appeal should involve some unusual circumstance or condition that prevented you from maintaining your academic standing.

Leave of Absence

Under ordinary circumstances, a student who takes a leave of absence will not jeopardize their financial aid eligibility. Students who are facing personal difficulties may benefit from a leave of absence if remaining enrolled would harm their academic standing.

A student who extends their leave beyond the policies of the School of Law could affect their ability to complete their degree within the time allotted by the academic policies of the School of Law and could affect their ability to obtain financial aid.