Satisfactory Academic Progress & Financial Aid Policy

This document contains important information about your Federal Title IV Financial Aid Award. Please read it thoroughly and contact your TUI Financial Aid Advisor if you have any questions.

As a Federal Title IV Financial Aid candidate you must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress AND Credit Hour and Week Completion requirements.

Students are expected to remain actively engaged in their academic work and maintain the following minimum grade point averages.

- Students in the undergraduate programs must complete each undergraduate course with a grade of "D" (1.0) or better (note that a grade of “D” may not satisfy program and upper division course requirements) and maintain a cumulative GPA based on the below scale:

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<th>Student Classification (accepted transfer credits + earned Trident credits)</th>
<th>Required Minimum Cumulative Program GPA</th>
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<td>Level 1: 0 - 23 Credits</td>
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<td>Level 2: 24 - 47 Credits</td>
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<td>Level 3: 48 - 71 Credits</td>
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<td>Level 4: 72 Credits and higher</td>
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- Students in the graduate (Master) programs must complete each graduate course with a grade of "B-",(2.67) or better and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (B) or better for all graduate level coursework applying toward the degree.
- Students in the doctoral degree programs must complete each doctoral course with a grade of "B" (3.0) or better and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (B) or better for all courses applying toward the degree.

The Trident University academic year is defined as 36 weeks, which is 3 consecutive sessions and:

- 24 credits for undergraduate students
- 12 credits for graduate students

Accordingly, students are expected to complete 1 course per session at the graduate level and 2 courses per session at the undergraduate level to maintain their scheduled award as shown on the award letter. Students are also expected to remain enrolled for three (3) consecutive sessions (non over-lapping sessions), which coincides with the 36-week academic year and loan period (for students receiving Direct Loans). Unauthorized breaks in enrollment may result in loss of Title IV funds.
financial aid eligibility and/or return of funds already disbursed.

Disbursements occur in the first and third sessions of a student’s academic year after completion of module 1 if all eligibility requirements have been met. First disbursements are released in the first session after completion of module 1. For second disbursements to occur timely, in the third session of a student’s academic year, one-half of the academic year must be completed as follows:

- Graduate students must have completed a minimum of 8 credit hours (2 courses) and 18 weeks (2 sessions)
- Undergraduate students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours (3 courses) and 18 weeks (2 sessions).
- Completed courses are courses in which students received passing grades

An undergraduate student is expected to successfully complete 24 credits each academic year and graduate students are expected to successfully complete 12 credits each academic year in order to maintain financial aid eligibility and enter a new award year. “Successfully completed” credits are those for which the following grades are awarded:

- Master level courses: A, A-, B+, B, B- (Note that while a student may successfully complete a course with a grade of “B-”, he/she must maintain the required 3.0 GPA (B) for the graduate level)
- Doctoral level courses: A, A-, B+, B, PR, P
- Courses dropped within the dropping period are not counted towards attempted credits.
- Grades of "W" are not considered in determining GPA but are considered credits attempted.
- Grades of "I" (Incomplete) will not be included in the cumulative GPA computations but will be counted in attempted credits. When the grade of "I" is changed to a letter grade, the GPA will be recalculated. If SAP is still not met, a return of Title IV calculation may be required.
- All other grades are counted as “unsuccessful completion” for purposes of SAP and Title IV eligibility.