

- Medical reasons verified by written documentation from the student's treating physician

The faculty member teaching the course will make the determination as to whether a student's situation meets the criteria for granting an incomplete.

Students must complete and submit a Petition for Incomplete to the faculty member teaching the course prior to the end date of the course. Petition forms are available on InfoZone.

If a Petition for Incomplete is granted, the faculty member will advise the student of the course work to be completed, including assignments, due date, and points possible. Students must complete the remaining course requirements by the end of the next grading period following the course for which the incomplete was granted. If a student does not complete the coursework in the allotted time, the final grade will be based on the total points earned at the time the incomplete was granted. The faculty member will update the student's academic record with the actual grade earned in the course at the end of the next grading period.

For more information or clarification on the policy and procedures related to grades of Incomplete, please see a member of the faculty or the Registrar.

Withdrawal from College (W)

If a student withdraws or is terminated from the College, he/she will be awarded a grade of "W" in all current courses. A grade of "W" will be counted as attempted credits but will not be used in the computation of the cumulative grade point average.

Students are strongly encouraged to notify the Dean of Student Services as soon as they become aware of the need to withdraw from college.

Grade Point Average

The grade point average (GPA) is computed by dividing the total grade points earned by the total units attempted. Courses with a grade of "PASS," "FAIL," "W," "I," and "T" are not included in the calculation of the grade point average.

If a student is required to repeat a course due to substandard academic performance, only the highest grade earned for the course will be used in the computation of the grade point average.

Grade Appeal Policy

If a student is of the opinion that a grade received for a particular course is incorrect, the student has the right to take formal action by utilizing the Grade Appeal Process. Appeals are limited to situations in which a student believes the grade was a mistake in calculation, demonstrable bias, gross negligence or misapplication of stated criteria.

In order to appeal a final grade, students must utilize the Grade Appeal Process published in the **Student Handbook**.

PROGRAMMATIC GRADE REQUIREMENTS

Students enrolled in certain programs will be required to meet or exceed the educational standards established for progression through the program. Examples of some of the standards include achievement of minimum grades in coursework and the attainment and maintenance of a minimum grade point average, as designated by the particular program.

Course work that earns less than the established minimum grade requirement will not count for units earned, but will count for units attempted, and will be counted in the calculation of the grade point average until the course is retaken. Courses completed with less than the established minimum grade requirement must be retaken for credit in order to advance through the program and to meet graduation requirements. Specific programmatic educational requirements are located in the program listings in this Catalog.

COURSE RETAKES

All failed courses must be repeated until a passing grade is earned for the purpose of assuring that all program and graduation requirements are fulfilled. Students who fail a course will be placed on a waiting list in order to secure an available seat in the course the next time it is offered. Failing any course is likely to delay a student's graduation date and may require a leave of absence and/or financial aid update. Students are strongly encouraged to make every effort to satisfactorily complete all courses as scheduled and to take advantage of the various academic support services available to them.

Previously passed courses may be repeated at the end of the program or upon re-entry to the college in order to meet the following:

- The minimum GPA requirement for graduation.
- Skill attainment for students who have been out of the classroom/field.

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Students are required to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) while enrolled at SJVC. SAP is a measure of a student's qualitative (grade point average) and the quantitative (completion of attempted credit hours) academic progress. SAP is evaluated on a fifteen week or term basis, which is referred to as the evaluation period.

To achieve SAP, students are required to maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 and must complete their program of study in 150 percent of the normal projected time frame. Therefore, students must

satisfactorily complete at least 67% of all attempted credit hours at each evaluation period. It is college policy to round up to the next whole number for the quantitative evaluation. For example, 66.6% completion = 67%. (refer to chart)

The impact that the following grading symbols will have on a student's SAP is demonstrated in the following table:

GRADE	DEFINITION	GRADE POINTS	COUNT AS UNITS		INCLUDED IN SAP CALCULATION		
			ATTEMPTED?	EARNED?	GPA?	QUANTITATIVE?	
A	Excellent	4.00 per unit	Yes	Yes	Yes**	Yes	
B	Good	3.00 per unit					
C	Satisfactory	2.00 per unit					
D	Passing*	1.00 per unit					
F	Failing**	0		No			
PASS	Satisfactory	Not applicable		Yes	No		
FAIL	Unsatisfactory			No			
W	Withdraw			No			
I	Incomplete			Not applicable			
T	Transfer			Yes			Yes

Students who do not achieve SAP at the initial evaluation will be placed on Financial Aid Warning status. If a student fails to meet SAP at the second evaluation period, he/she will be terminated. If the termination is appealed and granted, the student will be placed on Financial Aid Probation or Financial Aid Probation: Academic Plan, with attendance and student advising milestones (see RE-START policy below). Students must meet SAP at the next evaluation or they will be terminated from SJVC. This policy applies to all students regardless of funding sources.

Financial Aid Warning

Students who have not met either or both of the minimum requirements for achieving SAP in a given evaluation period will be placed on Financial Aid Warning. Students will remain on Financial Aid Warning status until the end of the next evaluation period. If at that time the student has satisfied the requirements for SAP, the student will be removed from Warning status; however, if the student has not satisfied the requirements for SAP, the student will be terminated.

Students' financial aid eligibility is not affected by placement on Financial Aid Warning status.

APPEAL PROCESS FOR TERMINATION DUE TO UNSATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Students who have been terminated from SJVC due to unsatisfactory academic progress may appeal their termination based upon mitigating circumstances such as the death of a relative, an injury, serious illness of the student, or other special circumstances. The appeal procedure is published in the **Student Handbook**.

Students will be given a maximum of two appeals for this type of termination

RE-START POLICY

The College, at the discretion of the Campus President, may allow former students who have withdrawn or been terminated from SJVC to re-start an educational program. Questions concerning this policy should be directed to the **Registrar**.