



Saint Martin's
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Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal Form

Saint Martin's University Office of Financial Aid has notified you that your academic progress does not meet the level required to receive student financial aid; however, you have the right to appeal your status. The Office of Financial Aid considers appeals based on a variety of extenuating circumstances (e.g., personal illness or injury, death of an immediate family member, or other unusual circumstances beyond your control).

Student Information

Name: _____ Student ID# _____ Date: _____
Email: _____ Major: _____

Requirements – Incomplete appeals will not be reviewed or denied

Please **read and initial** that you have submitted the required forms/documentation with this appeal.

_____ Signed, typed/written personal statement (no more than 500 words) explaining:

1. Any extenuating circumstances that caused you to be placed on SAP Must Appeal;
2. How the extenuating circumstance(s) caused your academic performance; **and**
3. What you have done to overcome the extenuating circumstance(s)
4. What specific steps are your taking to ensure future success in attaining your academic goals?

_____ **Official documentation supporting your extenuating circumstance(s).** The **ONLY** acceptable forms of documentation are listed on the back of this form.

_____ Payment arrangement – I understand the Office of Financial Aid will **NOT** hold my classes pending a decision by the SAP committee if I am unable to pay any balance on account; and

_____ I understand that the decision of the Office of Financial aid is final.

Certification and Statement of Understanding

I, _____, certify that the information contained within this appeal, including all attachments and enclosures, is accurate and truthful. I understand this information may be shared with the Office Financial Aid, staff the Office of Financial Aid consults and, as part of my permanent financial aid record to evaluate the administration of Title IV financial aid programs.

Student Signature (Required)

Date

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Reasons & Supporting Documentation (not inclusive) for the SAP Appeal

1. Personal Illness or injury (physical and mental health)

- A detailed explanation of the medical circumstances including the date of occurrence, duration, and how it negatively affected your coursework.
- Support your documentation (i.e. medical withdrawal, physician's statement, copy of police report, medical documentation).
- Support documentation regarding what steps you've taken to successfully move forward (i.e. statement from a physician, DSO, academic adviser, or 3rd party agency that assisted you during your illness or injury).

2. Illness of a family member

- A detailed explanation of the medical circumstances of the family member, including the name and relationship of the family member to you, the date(s) of occurrence(s), duration, and how it negatively affected your coursework.
- Support documentation (i.e. physician's statement, medical documentation)
- Support documentation regarding what steps you've taken to successfully move forward (i.e. physician statement, academic adviser, 3rd party).

3. Death of a Family Member / Roommate / Close Friend

- A detailed statement including the name of the deceased and his/her relationship to you with an explanation of how this event negatively affected your
- Support documentation (i.e. copy of the obituary, notice of the funeral, or death certificate)
- Support documentation that demonstrates your ability to return to classes and successfully complete your course load (i.e. statement from your academic adviser, letter of support from Counseling and Wellness Services, physician statement).

4. Personal Crisis

- A detailed explanation of the crisis including the date of occurrence, duration, and how it negatively affected your coursework.
- Support documentation (i.e. physician's statement, copy of police report, Personal Protection Order, medical documentation, Victim's Advocacy memo).
- Support documentation regarding what steps you've taken to resolve the crisis and successfully move forward.

5. Other Circumstances beyond your control

- Provide documentation of extenuating circumstances that were beyond your control from your personal statement.
- Provide documentation supporting that your circumstances have either been resolved or are being managed.

6. Exceeded Maximum Hours for Degree Completion

- A detailed explanation for the circumstances that resulted in your exceeding the maximum hours required to obtain a degree in your program of study.
- A prescribed academic plan of work from an academic adviser outlining your remaining degree requirements and projected completion date.

Note – Appeals submitted for reasons above will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Appeals are not automatically approved for any of the above reasons but are reviewed based on circumstances documented, academic history, and projection of potential for academic success.



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Explanation of Extenuating Circumstances

In 500 words or less, please answer the following questions in space provided below:

- What circumstances led to your academic challenges?
- How were the circumstances beyond your control?

Resolution of Circumstances

In 500 words or less, please answer the following questions in the space provide below:

- How is your situation different now than it was before?
- What specific steps are you taking to ensure future success in attaining your academic goals:

You are required to make an appointment with an Advisor in the Center for Student Success (CSS).

You can schedule an appointment online: <https://www.stmartin.edu/directory/offices-departments-directory/center-student-success> or call 360-438-4569.



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Date of CSS Appointment: _____ Advisor You Met With: _____

ACADEMIC PLAN & ELIGIBILITY CONTRACT

Directions: Complete this section with an Advisor in the Center for Student Success or your Program Advisor.

All steps must be complete before financial aid can be released.

PART B – Academic Plan to Be Completed with an Advisor

Instructions for Academic Advisor: Federal regulations require the institution establish an Academic Plan-of-Action for students who have failed to meet SAP standards as defined by the Department of Education. Financial Aid SAP eligibility is not the same as academic probation.

Please work with the student to develop a planned curriculum to ensure that the student has a realistic academic plan and that the coursework listed is required for the student's declared program. Once this plan is developed and agreed upon, please sign and date the form.

Degree program: _____ Is this a Change of Major? Yes No

Expected Graduation Date: _____ Current Cumulative GPA: _____

Cumulative Degree Hours: _____

Semester 1

Term: _____

Course Name	Course Number	Credit Hours	Repeat (Y/N)	Required for Major

Semester 2

Term: _____

Course Name	Course Number	Credit Hours	Repeat (Y/N)	Required for Major

Advisor Name: _____ Advisor Signature: _____

**PART C – Student Section****Please initial each statement.**

- ☐ I must maintain a 2.0 GPA (Undergraduate Students) or a 3.0 GPA (Graduate Students)
- ☐ I must complete more than 67% of the courses I register for each semester.
- ☐ I agree to only enroll in the courses listed in section B as agreed upon with an academic advisor.
- ☐ I will meet with an academic advisor if I need or choose to make any adjustments to the courses listed in section B.
- ☐ In the event I am unable to complete a course, I will notify an advisor and the Office of Financial Aid right away.
- ☐ I will attend class regularly and arrive to class on time.
- ☐ I will meet with my instructors regularly to monitor my academic progress.
- ☐ I will utilize the Center for Student Success to help me strengthen my study skills and behaviors.
- ☐ I will check Self-Service to monitor my midterm and final grades.
- ☐ I will check my Saint Martin's Email on a regular basis as it is the official means of communication on campus.

Supporting Documentation

Please list any supporting documentation that will be submitted on your behalf:

- Supporting documentation can be submitted via email with this appeal through the Center for Student Success Advisor or finaid@stmartin.edu
- Medical condition: Submit a letter from your health care provider stating whether you are well enough to return. **Do not send us your medical records.**
- Maximum time frame: Submit documentation from your academic advisor confirming your graduation date. **If you are seeking two majors, documentation must come from both advisors.**
- Other: Submit documentation that proves each factor noted as influencing your academics.

Important Information

DEADLINE - Your appeal must be submitted prior to the mid-point of the term. If your appeal is not received by mid-semester it will not be reviewed and you are responsible for paying your balance with out-of-pocket funds.

- The Office of Financial Aid may require additional information. The Office of Financial Aid Staff will not continue processing your appeal until the requested information has been received
- Stop by in-person to submit your appeal or email it to us directly, Finaid@stmartin.edu