



# FINANCIAL AID Newsletter

## SPRING/SUMMER 2025

## HOPE CHECKPOINT

Students are evaluated to ensure their eligibility ("B" average= 3.0 Hope GPA) for Hope Scholarship at the following checkpoints:


- 30 attempted semester hours
- 60 attempted semester hours
- 90 attempted semester hours
- End of every Spring Semester


If you currently do not receive the Hope Scholarship, email your financial aid counselor after final grades have posted at the end of the Spring semester to be evaluated


## ARE YOU READY FOR THE SUMMER?



If you're enrolled for the Summer 2025 semester, great news — the Office of Financial Aid will automatically update your financial aid package! 🎉 Please keep the following in mind:

 **Grant Eligibility:** The Federal Pell Grant is available for the Summer.

 **Student Loan Eligibility:** To receive student loan funds, you must also be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours this summer.

 **Action Required:** To request a student loan, please contact your Financial Aid Counselor to obtain and submit the Loan Request Form.



## DID YOU KNOW?

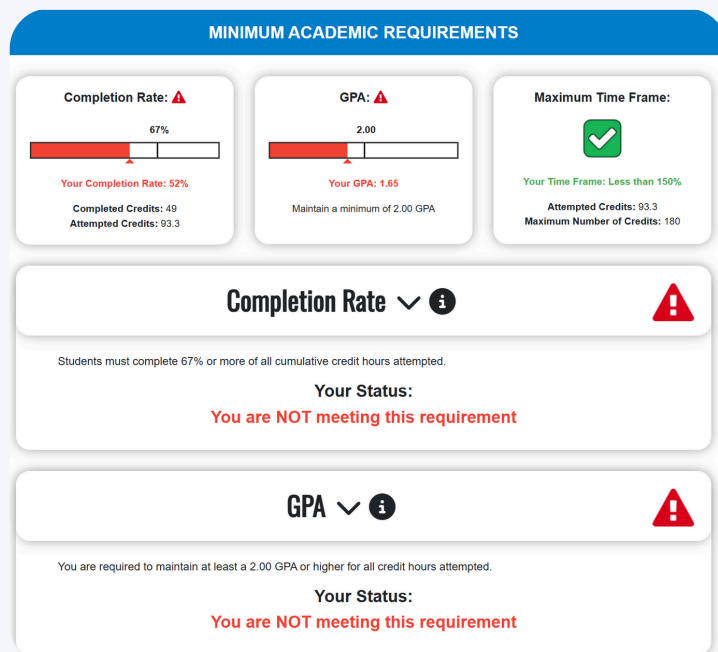
Course Program of Study (CPOS) is the process that is run to identify which courses will fulfill unmet degree requirements, including applicable prerequisites/corequisite courses. Courses that will not aid in degree completion will be ineligible for **FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID**. The CPOS process will run regularly throughout the registration period before and after classes begin, and students will be notified via their student email and messaged within the portal if they are registered for classes that will not count toward their degree.

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# WHATS NEW







## TO HELP YOU KEEP TRACK OF YOUR SAP STATUS, WE HAVE DEVELOPED A SAP DASHBOARD



To remain eligible for federal, state, and some institutional financial aid (including the Pell Grant, HOPE Scholarship, and Federal Loans), you must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).

At the end of each semester, our office will review all students and notify them of their SAP status and financial aid eligibility.

### **STAY ON TRACK: SAP SUCCESS CHECKLIST**

-  1. Complete At Least 67% of Your Classes
  - ☐ I did not withdraw (W), fail (F), or get an incomplete (I) in most of my classes.
-  2. Maintain a Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or Higher
  - ☐ My overall GPA is 2.0 or better.
  - ☐ I am meeting any major-specific GPA requirements (especially for Nursing, Education, etc.).
-  3. Stay Within Maximum Time Frame
  - ☐ I know how many credits my program requires to graduate.
  - ☐ I have not attempted more than 150% of the credits required for my degree.
-  4. Use Academic Resources
  - ☐ I visited the Academic Success Center or Tutoring Services.
  - ☐ I met with my advisor before registering for next semester.
  - ☐ I attended all my classes and stayed engaged.
-  5. Repeat Classes Wisely
  - ☐ I only repeated a course once or twice, knowing aid won't cover unlimited repeats.
  - ☐ I understand retaking a class too often can affect my aid.
-  6. Stay in Communication
  - ☐ I checked my college email weekly for updates from Financial Aid or Academic Advising.
  - ☐ I scheduled a meeting with a Financial Aid Counselor if I was unsure about anything.
  - ☐ I read my SAP status each term to ensure I'm in good standing.

**[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO REGARDING THE SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS \(SAP\) POLICY](#)**

# CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

**Student loan borrowers that have graduated, obtained a degree or have dropped below 6 credit hours are required to complete Exit Counseling.**

**Exit counseling is found on the Federal Student Aid website at <https://studentaid.gov>. You must use your FSA ID and Password to log in.**

**Repayment of your student loans will begin 6 months after you graduate or if you drop below 6 credit hours. Typically, your loan servicer will have notified you of their contact information but you can also obtain this information when you complete Exit Counseling. It is suggested that you reach out to your loan servicer to discuss your repayment options, deadlines, and, if needed, deferment options.**

**If you are having problems repaying your student loans, contact your loan servicer to discuss options available to you. DO NOT ignore them or fail to make plans or repayment arrangements.**

**This may cause you to DEFAULT on your loans which will have a negative impact on your credit, together with other serious consequences.**



# BURSAR VS. FINANCIAL AID

NOT SURE WHO TO CALL? HERE'S A QUICK GUIDE TO HELP YOU FIGURE OUT WHICH OFFICE CAN BEST ASSIST YOU.

## CALL THE BURSAR IF YOU NEED HELP WITH:

- YOUR BILL – "HOW MUCH DO I OWE?"
- FEES – "WHY AM I BEING CHARGED THIS?"
- REFUNDS – "WHEN WILL I GET MY REFUND?"
- PAYMENT PLANS – "HOW CAN I MAKE MONTHLY PAYMENTS?"
- MEAL PLAN SWIPES/DINING DOLLARS – "HOW MANY DO I HAVE LEFT?"

**PHONE: 912-279-5746**

**EMAIL: BURSARSOFFICE@CCGA.EDU**



## CALL FINANCIAL AID IF YOU NEED HELP WITH:

- AID ELIGIBILITY – "HOW MUCH AID DO I QUALIFY FOR?"
- STUDENT LOANS – "HOW DO I APPLY FOR ONE?"
- SAP/WITHDRAWAL QUESTIONS – "IF I DROP A CLASS, WILL I LOSE AID?"

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**IF YOU ARE USING VA BENEFITS DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT YOUR VA EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS ENROLLMENT FORM FOR EACH SEMESTER**

**SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!!!!**



**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

**MAY 1- FAFSA PRIORITY DEADLINE FOR FALL 2025**

**MAY 27-JUNE 11-SUMMER BOOKSTORE CREDIT AVAILABLE**

**JUNE 1- ALL OUTSTANDING REQUIREMENTS ARE DUE FOR  
FALL 2025**

# **WE'RE THE FINANCIAL AID ALL-STARS HELPING YOU SCORE BIG**



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