In order to be eligible to receive financial aid, a returning student is required to have met certain standards of satisfactory academic progress during his or her previous UK attendance. These standards apply whether or not financial aid was received during prior semester(s). Students meeting these standards are considered to be making Reasonable Academic Progress (RAP). Entering freshmen students and students transferring to U.K. from a school outside the University system are automatically eligible to receive the aid offered.

RAP applies to undergraduate, graduate, and professional students and is evaluated each May by the UK Office of Student Financial Aid (SFA). Criteria for RAP include:

- minimum credit hour completion: 67% of all cumulative credit, including transfer credit
- cumulative grade point average: cumulative UK GPA of at least a 2.0
- maximum time to receive financial aid: 150% of the published length of degree program, double majors and change of majors do not increase timeframe. Appeals must be made for second undergraduate degrees or second graduate degrees
- failure to complete coursework: failure to earn credit for two consecutive terms or withdrawing from all courses for two terms will make a student ineligible for aid

A returning student who does not meet the required standards during his or her last enrollment period(s) will have any offer of aid canceled.

Students may appeal the RAP decision if their failure to meet the satisfactory academic progress standards is due to extenuating circumstances which 1) are beyond the student’s control, 2) have been resolved, and 3) will not affect future performance. To initiate an appeal, students must complete the Reasonable Academic Progress (RAP) Appeal Form and submit the appeal form with a letter and appropriate documentation. Specifics about the RAP policy, the criteria, and the appeal process may be found on the SFA website, http://www.uky.edu/financialaid/rap.

Appeals may be granted for one term of probation with specific academic requirements, after which time the student will be 1) required to meet the cumulative standards or the probationary requirements, 2) deferred for additional information, or 3) denied. Students on probation will be advised of academic requirements they must meet while on probation, as well as consequences should they fail to meet those requirements. The UK advisor on record will receive a copy of the letter to the student specifying the terms of the financial aid probation.
Additional information can be found in the University Bulletin, 