



CHANGE IS HAPPENING.

A GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING THE AAC RESOLUTION

How does this impact financial aid?

Beginning July 1, 2012 students may now use federal financial aid only one time to pay for repeating a course they have previously passed. If they receive a 'D' or higher this is considered passing by the Department of Education regulations and you may only repeat this course one time using federal financial aid.

Institutional (SU Merit & Need Based) Aid along with State aid is only available to students for 4 years or 8 semesters. Students must take 15 credits each semester to stay on track to graduate in 4 years. If a student needed to retake a course, it would mean they should add it to their existing 15 credits.

Additionally, if the course is not available in all terms, then a student is delayed in completion, which can delay progression, graduation, and aid eligibility.

Another significant financial impact is that both federal and state aid have standards that are more comprehensive than GPA requirements. Students must also meet standards for rate of completion.

The state has recently implemented strict guidelines for successful completion of 30 credits each year to maintain full state aid eligibility, regardless of GPA.

Stevenson University is the only University in the State of Maryland that provides a C- grade, but does not consider it passing. Students are able to transfer that credit (C-) to other institutions that consider it a passing standard, yet it does not count toward graduation at SU under the current policy.

How does this impact my major required courses?

A C or higher is still required for many major courses - some majors explicitly require their students to earn a C or higher in any course that they take within the major, and any course that is a prerequisite for another course requires a C or higher to progress. The grade of D or higher will generally only be passing in SEE courses and in electives unless the SEE course is a prerequisite for other courses, like ENG 151, where students will still be required to attain a C or higher to progress to the next course.

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