

## Advising Recommendations

- Please ask students about their financial aid and/or scholarships during your first meeting. Having this information can assist with advising, especially regarding decisions with pass/no credit and dropping classes.
- If a student has a question about how to make a certain GPA to keep their aid/scholarship, please refer them to the GPA calculator on the Registrar's website: <http://www.reg.tcu.edu/gpacalculator.asp>
- Remember that summer credit hours do not count towards the 24 hours needed for TCU scholarship renewal, but is computed as attempted/completed hours for financial aid purposes.
- Encourage students to speak with the Office of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid if they have any questions or concerns concerning their aid. They should also inform the office if they have any change in circumstances that could affect their finances. Their extension is 7858 and they are located in Sadler 2008.

## TCU Academic Scholarship Renewal Requirements

- Successful completion of 24 semester hours of "letter-grade" TCU coursework each academic year (fall and spring). Note: Summer courses do not satisfy the requirement.
- A TCU cumulative GPA of 3.0 is required at the conclusion of the freshman year. Thereafter, a 3.25 TCU cumulative GPA is required at the conclusion of each spring semester.
- "F" grade, "W" or "Q," "I," "AU," "NR," "CR," Advanced Placement (AP), College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and College Board Achievement Tests in Foreign Languages (ACH) do not count toward satisfying requirements.
- Duration of freshman awards is eight semesters or 128 TCU semester hours, whichever occurs first.
- Renewal for TCU transfer scholarships are based on the successful completion of at least 24 hours of letter-grade coursework at TCU during the academic year (fall and spring terms). A TCU cumulative GPA of 3.25 is required at the conclusion of the spring term. Duration of transfer awards is six semesters.

## **Undergraduate Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy**

- All students must maintain satisfactory academic progress requirements to receive financial aid. This academic progression is measured by three components:
  1. Qualitative progress
    - Students must attain a minimum cumulative TCU GPA of 2.00 at the end of each spring term.
  2. Quantitative progress
    - Students must successfully complete at least 75 percent of all hours attempted at TCU during each academic year. The academic year begins with the summer term.
    - An exception to the 75 percent total is made for students who complete a minimum of 24 hours in the academic year.
    - The following grades will be counted as credits completed: "A", "B", "C", "D", (+/-) and "P".
    - A student may retake a previously passed course only once for inclusion in attempted hours for financial aid.
  3. Cumulative progress
    - The cumulative component consists of two pieces that relate to the maximum length of time a student may receive Federal financial aid; generally defined as 150% of the time and hours needed for completion of a 4-year degree.
    - Attempted hours are counted for all terms, even those for which a student does not receive financial aid, as well as those where a student receives a "Q" grade.
    - Transfer credit hours that are accepted toward a student's educational program are counted as both attempted and completed hours.
    - Students who change majors may request a one-time recalculation for maximum timeframe.
    - Please note: All TCU funded grants and scholarships are limited to eight semesters (six semesters total for transfer students). If a student is enrolled in a program of study requiring more than 124 hours for his/her primary major, the student may request one additional semester of funding.
  
- Failure to Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
  - If a student is not meeting SAP requirements, he/she will be notified, in writing, with a letter sent to the student's permanent address on file.
  - If a student loses financial aid because of a failure to meet SAP, he/she may appeal this determination to the Academic Progress Appeals Committee.