

GRADE IMPACT  
on  
FINANCIAL AID  
and  
VA EDUCATION  
BENEFITS

**U.S. Department of Education  
Federal Student Aid (FSA)**

Pell Grant  
Stafford Loans  
Federal Work Study

[Note: Withdrawal—or discontinuance of participation/attendance—from all classes can, in some cases, generate an FSA overpayment which the student must repay.]

Two measures of Satisfactory Academic Progress are used. Deficiencies in either measure can result in probation or suspension of financial aid for the student. These measures are as follows:

1. Percent of funded credits completed
2. Cumulative GPA (minimum 2.0)

**Veterans Administration (VA)  
Education Benefits**

Montgomery GI Bill  
Dependents' Educational Assistance  
VA Vocational Rehabilitation

VA will bill student for overpayment of benefits if it is determined that the student did not earn the benefits received for a given class.

Because VA benefits are paid monthly to students based on their course load, a student anticipating withdrawal from a class needs to notify the Veteran Services Coordinator immediately to avoid overpayment of benefits.

	1. Counted as Completed Credit?	2. Affects Cumulative GPA? (minimum 2.0)	Is a student with this grade considered as having earned the VA benefits received for this class?
<b>C or better</b> (A, B, C grades)	YES	YES	YES
<b>D</b> Unsatisfactory	YES	YES	YES
<b>F</b> Failure	NO	YES	YES, if the student continued to attend/participate for the duration of the class. Otherwise, NO. Last date of attendance must be confirmed.
<b>S</b> Satisfactory	YES. <u>Max 12 credits</u> per program with S grades; <u>not</u> for general education (AGEC) classes.	NO	YES, as long as program-applicable. <u>Max 12 credits</u> per program with S grades; <u>not</u> for general education (AGEC) classes.
<b>U</b> Unsatisfactory	NO	NO	NO. Last date of attendance must be checked by YC Veteran Services.
<b>Drop</b>	NO	NO	NO
<b>W</b> Student Withdrawal	NO	NO	NO. Last date of attendance must be checked by YC Veteran Services.
<b>Y</b> Administrative Withdrawal	NO	NO	NO. Last date of attendance must be checked by YC Veteran Services.
<b>I</b> Incomplete (See Catalog for limits on the Incomplete option.)	NO, until a final grade of D or better is posted.	NO, until a final grade is posted.	YES, as long as a satisfactory final grade is posted.

A student will not be awarded FSA or VA Benefits for courses taken for Audit or for Wait-Listed courses.

**Questions about a specific situation?**

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TO: Yavapai College Faculty, Staff, and Students Receiving Financial Assistance for School

SUBJECT: IMPACT OF GRADES ON FINANCIAL AID AND VA EDUCATION BENEFITS

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The attached table describes the potential impact of various grades on a student's federal financial aid. Guidelines are given for both Federal Student Aid (FSA), administered by the U.S. Department of Education; and VA Education Benefits, administered by the U.S. Veterans Administration (VA).

When an advisor or instructor is conferencing with a student about her/his performance in a class, an important question to ask is whether s/he is receiving financial aid or benefits for school attendance. For those who are, this table can aid in the discussion of the student's options. The table was created to help advisors, instructors, and students understand the impact of various grades on educational financial assistance programs administered by the U.S. Department of Education and by the Veterans Administration.

This table is only a guide, and does not describe these policies in detail. Any student anticipating difficulty in performing well in a class should contact the Financial Aid Office or Veteran Services Coordinator, as appropriate, to discuss their specific situation. Academic advising is also recommended for these students. Questions about how grades affect scholarships should be referred to the Financial Aid Office, as each scholarship may have its own performance criteria.

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Yours in the service of students,

Financial Aid Office  
Yavapai College