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New York State Tuition Assistance Program (T.A.P.) Academic Requirements

To be eligible for a TAP award, students must be enrolled for at least 12 credits or the equivalent. Courses may be counted toward full-time study only if they are applicable toward a degree, as described in the college bulletin. Electives are acceptable when taken in accordance with published degree requirements. A student may take courses not applicable to a degree in a given semester as long as the coursework is above the minimum full-time requirement of 12 credits.

Undergraduate BioMed and SEEK students may receive TAP awards for 10 semesters; all other undergraduates and all graduate students may receive TAP awards for 8 semesters. Note: The total number of undergraduate and graduate semesters for which a student may receive TAP awards is 16. If you received 10 semesters of TAP as an undergraduate student, you are limited to a total of 6 semesters of TAP as a graduate student.

To receive each TAP payment:

- Credits counted must meet degree requirements as described in the Bulletin;
- You must have completed a specific number of credits in the previous semester;
- You must have accumulated a specific number of credits towards your degree;
- You must maintain a specific minimum GPA (grade point average);
- You must have declared a major by the time you complete 60 credits. (If you are repeating a course in order to earn the "C" required for your major, your major must be noted in your academic records even if you have not yet completed 61 credits.)

The following charts explain these requirements. (Graduate student chart is on the back.)

FIRST-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS 2006 - 2007

To receive payment number:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
You must have completed at least this many credits in the previous payment semester:	0	6	6	9	9	12	12	12	12	12
You must have accumulated this many credits toward your degree:	0	3	9	21	33	45	60	75	90	105
You must have a GPA of:	0	1.1	1.2	1.3	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0

CONTINUING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

To receive payment number:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
You must have completed at least this many credits in the previous payment semester:	0	6	6	9	9	12	12	12	12	12
You must have accumulated this many credits toward your degree:	0	0	6	18	31	45	60	75	90	105
You must have a GPA of:	0	0	1.0	1.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0

Repeated Courses: Repeated courses in which you have already received a passing grade cannot be included in meeting the TAP full-time study requirement. Repeated courses may be counted toward the full-time study requirement if:

1. You repeat a course that you have previously failed;
2. You repeat a course for additional credit;
3. You have received a passing grade this is unacceptable in a particular curriculum.

TAP Waivers: You may be granted a waiver of the TAP academic requirements once, as an undergraduate student and once, as a graduate student, with the strong expectation that you will meet all requirements in the future. Contact the Financial Aid Office, A-104 for more information about the procedure for applying for a waiver.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

To receive payment no:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
You must have completed at least this many credits in the previous payment semester:	0	6	6	9	9	12	12	12
You must have total accumulated credits toward your degree of at least:	0	6	12	21	30	45	60	75
You must have a GPA of:	0	2.0	2.5	2.75	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0