

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS

Students are required to make satisfactory progress toward their degree. This is defined as maintaining a 2.0 average each semester, including the summer semester, whether or not they receive financial aid during those semesters, and completing sufficient credits each semester in order to complete the four-year program in a maximum of six years.

All credit-bearing courses are calculated into "hours attempted" and are counted towards the maximum timeframe for financial aid purposes. This includes accepted transfer credit, regardless of whether the student received aid for the courses, as well as courses from which the student withdraws after the add/drop period. Note that credit earned through study abroad is treated as transfer credit.

The minimum of credits earned by the end of each year shall be as follows:

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6
Credits	20	40	60	82	104	128

As the chart shows, a student must successfully complete 128 credits in order to earn an undergraduate degree at RCT. A student progresses to the next level by earning 32 credits per level. In order for the student to be considered making "satisfactory progress", he needs to at least progress through the program at the pace specified above. That is, he needs to have earned 20 credits by the end of year one, 40 credits by the end of year two, etc. Of course, the student may complete the four-year program at a faster pace, i.e., That is, he may complete the program in 3.5 years, which is expected to occur in most cases where the student attends fall, spring, summer semesters. Nevertheless, if the student will at least maintain the pace specified above, he will complete the program in six years and will be maintaining satisfactory progress, thus, remaining eligible for Title IV aid.

Although formal attendance is not recorded, students are expected to attend all lectures and study sessions.

Students who are absent excessively may be denied credit for course work during which excessive absences occurred. Students consistently maintaining a 2.0 (or "C") average, who drop below this average, will be placed on academic warning, and notified verbally, by their faculty advisor for one semester or payment period. If the student requests written notification, this will be provided. During this period, the student will maintain eligibility for Title IV funds.

Students who are still failing to make satisfactory progress after this warning period will lose their aid eligibility unless they successfully file a formal appeal to the Dean to be placed on probation. Examples of mitigating circumstances are listed below but are not limited to this list:

- Health issues of the student;
- Health issues of the parent or family member;
- Additional familial responsibilities of the student due to family crisis;
- Student needs additional remedial help for which he did not previously apply;
- Other issues which have negatively impacted the student's ability to maintain satisfactory progress which will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

Any student who wishes to challenge a probationary or unsatisfactory status may appeal to the Dean in writing. The student must explain the reason for the SAP failure as well as what has changed in the situation, or how the student will deal with the situation in the future, which will allow him to meet SAP requirements at the next evaluation.

If warranted, the Dean will meet with the faculty and advisors involved to consider the student's request. The student will be informed, in writing and in person, within thirty days of the decision. The Dean's decision is final.

To reestablish good standing, students must consult with the Rosh HaYeshiva. A faculty member will design a study plan to assist the student in raising his grades. A student who is reinstated must have successfully appealed, must maintain a 2.0 average, and must otherwise be meeting the requirements of the academic plan developed for him.

Incompletes and Withdrawals

Students failing to complete all required course work may be allowed up to six months to fulfill the requirements for the course, at the discretion of the instructor. During that time, the grade will be recorded as "Incomplete". If the work is not completed satisfactorily, a grade may be assigned based on the instructor's assessment of the portion of the work completed.

However, students who withdraw or fail to complete a course due to extenuating personal circumstances may request consideration in writing from the Dean. If permission to withdraw is obtained, the course will be recorded as "Withdrawn without Penalty" and the grade point average will not be affected.

REPETITION OF COURSE

A student who fails a course may obtain permission from the Dean to repeat the course. If the repetition is completed with a passing grade, the original failing grade may be deleted from calculation of the grade point average.

Students will be allowed to repeat a course provided the student will still remain within the time frame required for satisfactory progress.

Credit is generally not available for more than one completion of a course. However, if a course for which a student has already received credit is now being offered with substantially altered curriculum, he may choose to take this modified course for additional credit. Before enrolling in such a course, he must request the Dean's permission in writing.

Reinstatement

A student who is dropped from Rabbinical College of Telshe may petition the Rosh HaYeshiva for reinstatement. As a condition for reinstatement, the Rosh HaYeshiva may suggest certain remedial steps to be taken by the student usually in the form of courses to be taken at another Yeshiva or through private tutorial help.

Once the student has successfully complied with the remedial steps instituted by the Rosh HaYeshiva, the student will once again become eligible for Title IV funds the following semester.

Additional Notes

- Rabbinical College of Telshe offers only one major. Thus, multiple majors need not be addressed in this policy.
- RCT does not offer non-credit courses.
- RCT does not offer a second Bachelor's degree.
- The Satisfactory Academic Progress policy applies to all students, both Title IV and Non-Title IV recipients.
- All students within the same category, (such as full time, part time, etc.) are treated the same under the Satisfactory Academic Progress policy.
- Please view Appendix A for an explanation of how we compute your GPA