

Finish Line Program FAQs

Do I need to meet all the criteria to be eligible for Finish Line?

Yes. To qualify for the Finish Line program, students must meet ALL of the following eligibility requirements:

- Have 90 or more earned credit hours
- Have a recent UofM stop-out period of at least one semester (fall or spring)
- Have overall and institution grade point averages of at least 2.0
- Have a maximum of 30 credit hours remaining toward degree
- Have not yet completed a Bachelor's degree

What do you mean by “stop-out period”?

A stop-out means that a student discontinued their enrollment at the University of Memphis for at least one fall or spring semester. For students who meet all of the other eligibility requirements but have never attended the University of Memphis, they must have a stop out/period of no enrollment of at least one semester before enrolling at the UofM.

What if I already have a bachelor's degree?

If you already have a bachelor's degree, you do not meet the eligibility criteria for our program.

If I submit my information on the website, how long does it take to get a response?

Once a student submits information on our website, our academic advisors will begin a review of all academic records to determine if all eligibility requirements are met. The review process typically takes up to 10 business days. Once the review is complete, we will email you at the email address that you submitted when you inquired about our program on our website. Be sure to check junk and spam email folders as our messages are sometimes directed to there.

Is the Finish Line Program a scholarship program?

The Finish Line Program and Finish Line Scholarship are two separate efforts.

The Finish Line Program is designed to help students explore the most efficient and effective paths to graduation. Finish Line advisors will guide students through options for majors, course selections, alternative paths to credit, applying for graduation, and more.

The Finish Line Scholarship is available to some Finish Line students, but not all. Approximately 1/3 of Finish Line students receive the Finish Line Scholarship. Students must be part of the Finish Line program, then meet the additional scholarship eligibility criteria in order to be considered for the scholarship each semester.

Will Finish Line pay for my classes?

Finish Line scholarships are reviewed on a semester-by-semester basis by the scholarship committee. Not all Finish Line Students receive the Finish Line Scholarship and scholarships are not guaranteed. If eligible, the Finish Line scholarship typically covers up to a maximum of two (2) full-tuition courses per semester. To be scholarship eligible, students must:

- be currently eligible for Pell grant, but have exhausted all Financial Aid (including loans and grants)
- meet grade/GPA requirements
- be registered for Finish Line approved classes in a timely fashion to allow for scholarship processing

Who will be my advisor?

Once part of the Finish Line program, one of our completion concierges will serve as your primary advisor. Your Finish Line advisor will recommend courses, clear you for registration, and answer any and all questions or concerns. Please consider your **Finish Line advisor to be your primary contact** until you cross that finish line.

Will I need to change my major or can I stay with my original major?

Finish Line will always offer options for the major(s) that provide the most efficient route to graduation. This being said, it is your degree, your education, and **your choice of major**. If staying with the original major means that you need more than 30 hrs. to complete the degree, this would change your eligibility status for the Finish Line program. For those who are eligible for the Finish Line scholarship, choosing a major with fewer low-cost options may affect the amount of scholarship money Finish Line is able to offer.