

# Changes in Enrollment Status and Withdrawing

## Blue Mountain Christian University

Making changes to your course schedule, such as reducing your credit hours or completely withdrawing from the university, can directly impact your financial aid eligibility. These changes may result in financial aid adjustments and could leave you with a balance owed to **Blue Mountain Christian University**. It is important to understand how these decisions may affect your financial aid award for the current semester, as well as your eligibility for future aid.

Your **enrollment as of the Census Date (14th day of the semester)** is used to determine your official registration status for financial aid purposes. This date serves as a critical benchmark for confirming eligibility for disbursement of federal grants, such as the Pell Grant.

Your enrollment is officially measured on the Census Date:

- The Census Date is the **14th day** of the semester.
- This is the date when your registered credit hours are "locked in" for financial aid purposes.
- Your Federal Pell Grant and some other aid types are calculated based on your enrollment as of this date.

Students who drop classes during the first 14 days of the semester will have their financial aid adjusted to reflect their enrollment status as of the Census Date. Most forms of financial aid are subject to this rule. In addition, students must complete at least 60% of the semester to retain 100% of their financial aid. If a student withdraws completely from the university before reaching that point in the semester, their financial aid will be prorated, which may result in a balance owed.

If an instructor reports that a student has never attended or has stopped attending all classes, the student will be considered an unofficial withdrawal. This status requires adjustments to the student's financial aid and may also impact future aid eligibility. Even if a student officially withdraws, but instructors later report that the student did not attend or stopped attending before the recorded withdrawal date, further reductions to financial aid may be necessary. Additionally, if a student is reported as "never attended" in only some of their courses, financial aid may still be affected.

Students who completely withdraw while on **Financial Aid Warning** may be placed on **Financial Aid Suspension** for future semesters. Those in **Good Standing** at the time of withdrawal may be placed on Warning if their academic performance or completion rate no longer meets **Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)** standards. To continue receiving financial aid, students must complete at least **66.7% of all attempted coursework**.

Before making the decision to drop classes or withdraw from the university, students are strongly encouraged to speak with a financial aid counselor. Our team is here to help you understand the full impact of enrollment changes and guide you through the appropriate steps.

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