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Withdrawal from the University

A student who wishes to withdraw from the university (i.e., withdraw from all courses) during the course of a semester, intersession, or summer term can withdraw online at myOleMiss.edu or can provide written notification via fax, mail, or in person to the Office of the Registrar. Appropriate university offices (Student Housing, Financial Aid, Bursar, ID Center, Library, and Academic Dean) will be notified of the withdrawal. Full refunds of tuition and fees (minus a processing fee) are given for withdrawals during the first 10 days of classes of a regular semester, and no refunds are given after the 10th day of classes. Students who withdraw must apply for readmission if not enrolling for the subsequent term. Students who withdraw from the university for involuntary military service may be given full credit for course work in progress provided at least four-fifths of the course requirements have been completed. The student's academic dean will decide if the four-fifths requirement is met, and the student's academic dean will decide whether or not final examinations will be required. An unofficial withdrawal is defined as occurring when a student simply stops attending classes without going through the formal process to withdraw. If a student unofficially withdraws before completing the period of attendance of which federal aid eligibility is based, there are additional consequences.

As noted in the Federal Student Financial Aid Handbook, the U.S. Department of Education mandates that universities develop a mechanism for determining whether a student recipient of a Title IV grant or loan has ceased attendance without notification during the period of enrollment. To meet this requirement, the Office of Financial Aid has created a term-based report that identifies all students who received federal aid and posted all "F" and/or "W" grades. For students falling into these categories, the university must determine if the student actually began attendance and, if so, when the attendance ceased. Based on this information, these students are processed as schedule cancellations (if never attended) or as unofficial withdrawals (if attended and left without officially withdrawing). For schedule cancellations, the student account will be charged for all disbursed aid. For unofficial withdrawals, a calculation is performed for refund purposes.

Each student is responsible for having class instructors contact the Office of Financial Aid with a last date of attendance or class-related activity by the accounts receivable posting date that is shown in the student's Unofficial Withdrawal letter. If acceptable documentation is provided, the later date will be used for the unofficial withdrawal calculation.

Summer Term Deadlines

During a summer term, the last day for full refunds on complete withdrawals is the third day of classes, which is the last day to register or add courses, and the course withdrawal deadline is the 10th day of classes.