

UNIVERSITY of NORTH CAROLINA PEMBROKE

Financial Aid Freeze Dates

In accordance with federal regulations, the University of North Carolina at Pembroke establishes a “freeze date” each semester to determine a student’s enrollment status for disbursing federal and state financial aid. Financial aid will only pay for courses that are **required for your major and are added before the freeze date**. Hours will be frozen at the end of the schedule adjustment (“add/drop”) period. Students must be registered for **all** parts of term before the freeze date to receive federal and/or state aid for that class. Federal and state aid will not be available for classes added after hours have been frozen. If you are not registered for a minimum of 6 hours when hours are frozen, you will not be eligible for your student loan and you will not have an opportunity to add a class in order to be eligible.

Financial aid award amounts associated with second eight (8) week courses will not be disbursed until attendance is confirmed in the second 8 week courses. Students should plan accordingly with regard to financial aid refunds when enrolled in second 8 week courses.

Students who are retroactively awarded financial aid (after the freeze date) will have hours frozen at the time the award is made and payment will be based on current enrollment at that time.

Example 1 - Here’s an example of how the freeze date affects the amount of financial aid Bill received for Fall Semester 2012:

Bill Brave is receiving federal and state financial aid. He started attending classes on August 15th. Schedule adjustment period was August 16th through the 22nd. The financial aid freeze date occurred on August 30th. Here is a history of when he enrolled in the courses:

| No. of Credit Hours | Date When Bill Enrolled or Added Credits |
|---------------------|---|
| 6 | August 3rd |
| 3 | August 16th |
| 3 | September 14th (for second 8 week course) |
| 12 | Total credits Bill is taking in the Fall 2012 |

As you can see, Bill is taking a total of 12 credit hours in the Fall and he will be charged for 12 credit hours. However, **his federal and state financial aid received is based on 9 credit hours and not 12**, since this was the number of credit hours in which he was enrolled on the financial aid freeze date of August 30th.

Example 2 - Here's an example of how the freeze date affects the amount of financial aid Mary received for Fall Semester 2012:

Mary Hawk is receiving federal and state financial aid. She started attending classes on August 15th. Schedule adjustment period was August 16th through the 22nd. The financial aid freeze date occurred on August 30th. Here is a history of when she enrolled in the courses:

| No. of Credit Hours | Date When Mary Enrolled or Added Credits |
|---------------------|--|
| 6 | August 9th |
| 3 | August 13th |
| 3 | August 17th (for second 8 week course) |
| 12 | Total credits Mary is taking in the Fall |

As you can see, Mary is taking a total of 12 credit hours in the Fall and he will be charged for 12 credit hours. **Her federal and state financial aid received is based on 12 credit hours** , since this was the number of credits in which she was enrolled on the financial aid freeze date of August 30th. Mary's financial aid refund associated with the 3 credit hours for the second 8 week course will be available in mid-October.