

UNIVERSITY *of* NORTH CAROLINA

PEMBROKE

Financial Aid Freeze Date Q&A

Q: What is a financial aid freeze date?

A: The financial aid freeze date is the day in which your enrollment status is “locked” for the semester. You should finalize your enrollment before the freeze date.

Q: When does the freeze date occur each semester?

A: Normally it occurs the morning after the established census date. Please refer to academic calendar located on the UNCP website for the exact date.

Q: How does this affect the amount of financial aid that I will receive for the semester?

A: The financial aid freeze date only applies to your **Federal Pell Grant**

NOTE: Federal loans, work-study and SEOG are not affected by the freeze date.

Q: How does the freeze date affect the amount of my Pell Grant?

A: On the date that your enrollment status is “locked”, your Pell Grant will be calculated as follows:

- Full-time amount based on 12 or more credits
- $\frac{3}{4}$ -time amount based on 9-11 credits
- $\frac{1}{2}$ -time amount based on 6-8 credits
- $<1/2$ -time amount based on <6 credits

Q: What other factors affect the amount of my Pell Grant for the semester?

A: In addition to your enrollment status, your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) from your FAFSA determines your Pell Grant amount.

Q: If I add or drop credits after the freeze date, will my Pell Grant be increased or reduced?

A: No.

Q: If I am dropped by UNCP for nonattendance, will my Pell Grant be reduced?

A: Yes.

Q: If I add credits during a Maymester or Wintermester (fall 3), will my Pell Grant be increased?

A: No

Q: What if I file my FAFSA after the freeze date, how will my Pell Grant be calculated?

A: Your Pell Grant will be calculated based upon the number of credits that you are enrolled in at the time your FAFSA is received and you have completed all requirements.

Q: If I am an undergraduate student taking some graduate classes in the same semester, how will my Pell Grant be calculated?

A: Your amount will be based upon both (undergraduate and graduate) credits that apply to the undergraduate degree. You must register for all credits for the entire semester.

Q: Can I receive a Pell Grant if I am seeking a 2nd or 3rd Bachelor's degree or a Master's Degree?

A: No

If you have questions about the freeze date or your financial aid, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at fa@uncp.edu or (910) 521-6255.

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