



Fall 2026

Important Information About Dropping and Withdrawing from Classes

Your enrollment status directly impacts your financial aid eligibility. Please read the information below carefully before making any changes to your class schedule.

Dropping Classes

A **drop** occurs when you remove a course from your schedule between the date you register and the **21st day of the semester**.

Dropping a Class Before the First Day of the Semester

If you drop a class before the first day of classes, the course:

- Will not appear on your academic record.
- Will not be included in the calculation of your enrollment status for financial aid purposes.

Dropping a Class On or Before September 3, 2026 (*Financial Aid Certification Date*)

If you drop a class on or before **September 3, 2026**, the course will not be included when determining your enrollment status for financial aid eligibility.

Enrollment status categories include:

- Full-time (12+ Credits)
- Three-quarter-time (9-11 Credits)
- Half-time (6-8 Credits)
- Less than half-time (1-5 Credits)

Example:

If you are enrolled in four courses totaling **12 credits (full-time)** and drop one 3-credit course on or before September 3rd, your enrollment would be reduced to **9 credits**, making you a **three-quarter-time** enrolled student for financial aid purposes. This may affect your eligibility for programs such as the Federal Pell Grant and NYS TAP.

Dropping a Class After September 3, 2026

If you drop a class and receive a **WD grade** between **September 4 and September 17, 2026**, the course will continue to count toward your enrollment status for financial aid purposes.

Example:

If you begin the semester with 12 credits and drop a 3-credit course on September 17, you will remain classified as a full-time student for Federal Pell Grant, FSEOG, Federal Direct Loan, and NYS TAP eligibility.

However:

- Your NYS TAP award may be prorated (reduced) for the semester.

- You may use the equivalent of 6 TAP points for that term.

Dropping or Withdrawing from All Classes

If you drop or withdraw from **all courses** after September 3, 2026, your federal financial aid may be affected.

- Federal aid programs, including Pell Grants, FSEOG, and Direct Loans, may be recalculated based on the number of days you attended classes during the semester.
- Your eligibility for TAP and other New York State aid programs may also be impacted in future semesters.

To remain eligible for federal financial aid, your FAFSA information must be accurate and any outstanding financial aid requirements must be resolved before you withdraw from all classes or by your last date of attendance.

Attendance is required to maintain eligibility for financial aid.

Withdrawal (W Grade)

A **W grade** is assigned when you withdraw from a course **after the 21st day of the semester** (after **September 17, 2026**, for Fall 2026).

A W grade:

- Does not affect your enrollment status or financial aid eligibility for the current semester.
- May be included in the evaluation of Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).
- May affect your eligibility for future federal, state, and institutional financial aid programs.

Important Notes

If your Federal Pell Grant or FSEOG funds are disbursed after the semester ends, you may only receive aid for courses that were successfully completed.

Courses with **W grades** will not be included when determining your enrollment status for these delayed disbursements.

In addition, if you withdraw from **all courses**, your federal financial aid may be recalculated based on the number of days you attended during the semester.

Administrative/Academic Withdrawal (WA Grade)

A **WA grade** may be assigned if you do not meet CUNY's immunization requirements for applicable courses, including:

- On-campus courses
- Hybrid courses

For financial aid purposes, courses assigned a WA grade will be included in the calculation of your enrollment status.



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If you are considering dropping or withdrawing from a course, we strongly encourage you to contact the Financial Aid Office before making any changes. Our staff can help you understand how your enrollment decisions may affect your financial aid eligibility and awards.

We wish you a successful Fall 2026 semester!

**Sincerely,
Financial Aid Office**