

# SPRING 2021

## DROPPING AND WITHDRAWING FROM CLASSES

### Dropping of Classes

The term “Dropping” of classes refer to classes that you drop as of the day you register for classes up to the 21<sup>st</sup> day of a semester.

**If you drop your classes before the first day of the semester, those classes will not appear on your academic record and will not be counted toward your financial aid eligibility.**

### Dropping Classes before 8th Day of the Semester (Financial Aid Certification Date)

If you drop your classes before February 5, 2021 (Financial Aid Certification Date), they will not be counted toward your enrollment status (full-time, part-time, three-quarter-time, half-time) for financial aid eligibility.

**Spring 2021 Financial Aid Certification date is February 5, 2021.** If you have four classes that represent 12 credits/units (full-time), and you drop one class on February 4, 2021, your enrollment status would be reduced to three-quarter time (9 credits). Your Federal Pell award would be reduced from full-time award to three-quarter time award, and you would be ineligible for New York State (NYS) Tuition Assistance Program (TAP).

### Dropping Classes after the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of the Semester (WD Grade)

If you drop a class (WD Grade) after the financial aid certification date (8<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> day of classes), the class would still be counted toward your enrollment status for your financial aid eligibility. For example, if you had four classes, the equivalent of 12 credits/units for spring 2021, and you drop one class between February 5th and February 18th, you would still remain full-time for financial aid (Federal Pell, SEOG, Federal Direct Loans and, NYS TAP). However, your TAP award would be prorated (reduced) for the fall semester, and you would still use the equivalent of 6 TAP points for the semester.

If you drop **all** your classes (WD Grade) for a semester after the financial aid certification date (February 5<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>), your Federal Pell Grant or other Federal Aid will be prorated based on the number of days you attended your classes during the semester. Your eligibility for TAP and other NYS awards may be adversely affected for the next semester. **To be eligible for Federal financial aid, your Federal financial aid information (FAFSA) should be correct and all issues should be resolved before you drop or withdraw from all your classes, or by your last date of attendance.**

The dropping of classes after the 7<sup>th</sup> day of a semester may not

affect your enrollment status for financial aid eligibility for that semester, but it may affect your enrollment status for academic purposes. **You must attend your classes to be eligible for financial aid.**

### Withdrawal (W Grade)

Withdrawal (W Grade) is assigned to classes that you withdraw from after the 21<sup>st</sup> day of a semester (February 19<sup>th</sup>). The W Grade may not affect your enrollment status or eligibility for financial aid for the semester that you withdrew unless your Federal aid is disbursed/paid after the end of a semester. W Grades will be retained on your academic record and will be included in the calculation of your academic progress and may affect your eligibility for future financial aid.

If you withdraw from all your classes (W Grade), your financial aid will be prorated based on the number of days that you attended your classes.

**Note:** You must file your FAFSA, and we must receive your ISIR with an official EFC before the 7<sup>th</sup> day of classes for us to include the classes that are dropped in the determination your enrollment status for Federal financial aid.

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