Financial Aid Course Audit

Frequently Asked Questions

Overview:

In 2014, we have adopted technology that allows us to better inform you about the impact your course selection has on your financial aid award. As a result, you will now have information about financial aid eligibility for each class shortly after you register instead of having your award recalculated to exclude ineligible courses after the add/drop date when it's too late to drop them.

Our hope is that by providing you this information in advance, you will be able to better plan your academic career, select courses that apply to your program, and complete your degree or certificate in a more timely fashion.

Facts:

- Federal regulations have always dictated that students may only receive financial aid for courses that apply toward their degree or certificate program. This is not a new rule – we just have a new tool to help you be better informed about your course selections.
- Once your financial aid is processed, and shortly after enrolling in classes, you will be able to view the eligibility of your courses by logging into the Student Center of our Student Information System.
- Additionally, you will receive messages in your Student Center and VCCS email that identify courses that are not eligible for aid.
- If you choose to remain enrolled in an ineligible course, you will be responsible for paying the associated tuition, fees, and book expenses, regardless of whether you are receiving aid for eligible courses or not.

What you should do:

- Be proactive. Discuss your academic and career goals with your advisor.
- Make sure that you are enrolled in the program that best aligns with these goals.
- Register for courses that apply to the program(s) you have chosen to ensure that they will be eligible for the financial aid you qualify for during that semester.
- If you registered for an ineligible course and wish to take it despite not having financial aid awarded for the course, pay for it by the payment deadline to prevent the course from getting dropped for non-payment.
- Contact the Financial Aid Office if you have any questions about your eligibility.

Questions about how courses fit into your program of study?

Please contact the Advising Office at your location.

See your program advisor if you are in one of the following programs:

- Disability Services
- TRiO
- Great Expectations
- Veteran's Services
- English as Another Language
- Knowledge 2 Work

Questions or concerns about your financial aid award?

Please contact the Financial Aid Office.

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