

# MONEY MATTERS

*The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships*



## FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBLE HOURS

As you are registering for summer and/or fall, if you see that one or more courses is not showing as "aid eligible", that means according to your degree requirement report, you don't need the class(es) to graduate.

Classes that can be counted as financial aid eligible:

- required for your major, minor and/or GenEd requirements
- needed to raise your GPA for graduation
- achieve 50% of credits earned at 4-year institution
- fulfill your electives to reach a minimum of 120 credit hours
- replace test/transfer credits

To find out if a class is financial aid eligible, look in MyMadison, you will see a "Yes" or "No" under the "Eligible for Financial Aid" column in "My Class Schedule".

**Note:** You can still receive financial aid with less than 12 credits so if your class is not needed, you may want to consider dropping it to lower your bill.

Learn more about this on our website and if your situation warrants it, submit an appeal for review.

<https://www.jmu.edu/financialaid/learn/fa-hours.shtml>

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## SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Federal regulations require each institution to have a SAP policy, which establishes the minimum academic standards for student to remain eligible for financial aid.

The evaluation of your academic progress happens once a year after spring grades post. If you do not meet SAP requirements, you could lose your eligibility for financial aid, including federal loans.

Students may appeal denial of financial aid if SAP requirements could not be met due to extenuating circumstances.

### 2021-22 SAP Appeal Deadlines

- Summer 2021 – Monday, June 28, 2021
- Fall 2021 – Monday, September 6, 2021
- Spring 2022 – Monday, January 31, 2022

Learn more by visiting our website at:

<http://www.jmu.edu/financialaid/learn/sap/index.shtml>

## SUMMER AID APPLICATION

Taking summer classes and need financial aid?

Take a look at our website:

<http://www.jmu.edu/financialaid/learn/summer-financial-aid.shtml>



## ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION

### 1 What is attendance verification?

Attendance verification is a one-time collection of "yes" or "no" responses that faculty are required to complete for their class(es) after each semester's census date (including summer and winter sessions) via rosters created for the instructors in MyMadison. The determination of "yes" or "no" is based on whether each student has engaged in some form of academic activity up to that point in the semester.

**Note:** This affects all students at JMU, not just those who are receiving financial aid.

### 2 What does academic activity mean?

According to the Dept of Education, academic engagement includes:

- Physically (or virtually) attending a live (not pre-recorded) class
- Submitting an assignment
- Taking an assessment or exam
- Participating in a tutorial, webinar or other instruction that is interactive
- Participating in a study group, group project, or an online discussion assigned by the instructor
- Engaging with the professor to ask a course-related question

### 3 What happens if my professor enters "No"?

- You will receive an email from the Registrar's Office saying that because of non-activity, you will be administratively withdrawn from that course.
  - This will not reduce your tuition charges.
- If you have financial aid, we will review it to see if changes need to be made.

### 4 What happens if my professor doesn't respond?

- If rosters are left blank after the 7-day deadline, instructors are contacted to submit their responses via email to our office for manual entry.
- If instructors do not respond to our inquiries, we then contact students about the issue to see if that can elicit the response needed.

### 5 Can a "No" response be changed?

- It can but it is completely up to the instructor and you would need to contact them to discuss your options.

### 6 What are the census dates?

Summer 2021	June 2 (12W)	Spring 2022
• May 12 (1W1)	• June 4 (2W2)	• TBD (1W1)
• May 20 (2W1)	• June 16 (1W2)	• TBD (1W2)
• May 21 (4W1)	• June 18 (4W2)	• TBD (2W1)
• May 25 (6W1)	• June 24 (8W2)	• February 8 (Semester)
• May 25 (8W1)	• July 7 (6W2)	• February 8 (7W1)
• June 1 (10W)	• August 12 (CLN)	• TBD (7W2)
<b>Fall 2021</b>		
• September 14 (Semester)		
• September 14 (7W1)		
• November 3 (7W2)		

### 7 Questions?

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

End of May - Satisfactory Academic Progress review begins for 2021-22

Mid-June - Financial Aid awarding begins for the 2021-22 academic year