

- Campus Tidbits -

The fall semester began on August 19, but you may still register for [additional sessions](#) that begin later in the fall term. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to:

- ◆ Review your [academic advisement report](#).
- ◆ Ensure that you are placed in the degree you wish to pursue at NOVA and that the degree is designed to [transfer](#) if that is your intent.
- ◆ Meet with an [advisor/counselor](#) to discuss your academic and career goals.
- ◆ If you are a new student, attend [New Student Orientation](#) and register for [SDV 100 or 101](#).
- ◆ Register for all [Fall 2019 courses](#) you wish to take before September 6, 2019 to maximize your financial aid eligibility.
- ◆ [Apply for financial aid](#) for 2019-2020.
- ◆ [Pay your tuition](#) or ensure your [pending financial aid](#) covers your balance before the [payment deadline](#).
- ◆ Buy your [parking permit](#) if you plan to park on campus before 3:45 p.m. on weekdays.
- ◆ Get your books and course materials, and get ready for a successful semester!

Check out our blogs!

[NOVA Financial Aid Info](#)



[NOVA Financial Literacy](#)



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How Does Dropping, Withdrawing, Auditing, or Not Attending Courses Affect Financial Aid?

Financial aid recipients should always contact the Financial Aid Office before dropping, withdrawing, auditing, or deciding not to attend a course to confirm how it will impact their financial aid eligibility. They should also review both the [Return of Title IV Financial Aid Funds \(R2T4\) policy](#) and the [Satisfactory Academic Progress \(SAP\) policy](#) to make an informed decision since such an action could reduce aid eligibility depending on the type of aid awarded, how many credits are no longer being attended, and the timing of the enrollment change. Students will be required to repay any aid for which eligibility is lost due to such a change.

Grades such as D, F, U, W, R, X, I, or missing grades could also negatively impact a student's ability to meet the SAP requirements and receive aid in the future. Please note that if a student withdraws from some courses, but completes at least one other course that spans the entire original period of enrollment (e.g. 16 weeks if the student registered for at least one 16-week course), the [R2T4 policy](#) does not apply; and all aid can be kept for that term (as adjusted for dropped courses and classes that were never attended).

Please visit the [financial aid blog](#) for more in-depth information on how aid eligibility can change due to dropping, withdrawing, auditing, or not attending courses.

**Financial Aid Awards, Adjustments, Disbursements, & Refunds**

Financial aid adjustments begin on September 6, 2019. Classes added on or after this date for the current term will not increase eligibility for financial aid grants. Aid may be reduced for students enrolled in less than 12 [eligible credits](#). Please review the information on financial aid awards, disbursements and refunds available [here!](#)

What should you do if your courses are ineligible for financial aid?

- ◆ Review your [advisement report](#) to determine which courses are still required to complete your degree or certificate.
- ◆ [Drop courses on NOVAConnect](#) that you no longer wish to take.
- ◆ Meet with your [academic advisor or counselor](#), if necessary, and enroll in required courses to achieve your goals sooner and to potentially maximize your financial aid award.
- ◆ If necessary, change your major to reflect your current goals and the courses you are pursuing.
- ◆ If you still choose to take ineligible courses, you must pay the total amount due for the ineligible courses as indicated at <https://www.nvcc.edu/payment/> or complete the "Financial Aid Credit Balance Authorization E-Form" in your [Financial Aid Dashboard](#) if your [pending financial aid based on eligible credits](#) is enough to cover your entire outstanding balance (including the charges for ineligible courses). This new e-form should be available in September 2019.

What are the reasons a course may be ineligible for financial aid?

- ◆ Federal regulations indicate that courses outside a student's program cannot be covered by financial aid.
- ◆ Course prerequisites (e.g., lower-level math or foreign language courses, etc.) that are not included in the program of study will show as ineligible. Required math prerequisites are normally reviewed and allowed. 100-level foreign language is allowed if foreign language is a program requirement.
- ◆ Students who pass a course and elect to retake the course for grade improvement can receive financial aid for retaking that course a maximum of one time, whether the second grade is passing or not.
- ◆ Students must retake courses for grade improvement prior to completing all courses within their program of study, whether they have graduated or not.
- ◆ A grade of "D" is passing, even if a "C" or better is required.
- ◆ If a course is a prerequisite to a required class or is a program requirement at NOVA and is registered twice without a grade in either class, the Financial Aid Office must review the ineligible class to determine eligibility for aid.
- ◆ Students can receive financial aid for no more than 30 credits of remedial (developmental) coursework.

Please note that if NOVAConnect shows that a course is ineligible for aid the same day you registered for the course, but you believe the course is actually required for your degree or certificate program, please [check the status](#) again at the end of the next business day. Eligible courses may initially appear as ineligible until the system is updated the business day after registration occurred.

Fall 2019 Bookstore Purchase Period

August 5, 2019 - September 5, 2019 (online and on campus)

October 2, 2019 - October 25, 2019 (for undisbursed aid)

Complete the [Bookstore Authorization Form](#)

on your [myNOVA To Do List](#).

CASH CONTEST—WIN UP TO \$1,000

Eight \$500 awards and one \$1,000 award will be offered to randomly selected NOVA students who complete short financial literacy courses through the CashContest. Courses take only about 45 minutes to complete and provide students with a customized action plan based on their financial goals. The deadline to complete the first course, "College and Money" is October 13, 2019. Contest rules can be viewed on:

[NOVA's Financial Literacy Blog](#)

FREE ONLINE TUTORING!

Free tutoring is available for all NOVA students 24/7 through Tutor.com. Students may access this free resource by logging into MyNOVA, clicking on [Canvas](#), and then clicking the link shown below.

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The list of courses supported by Tutor.com is available [here](#). For more information on the tutoring resources provided by NOVA, including the hours and locations of on-campus Tutoring Centers, please visit:

www.nvcc.edu/tutoring

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Financial Aid Handbook

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