

FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBLE HOURS

Federal regulations stipulate that you can only receive financial aid for classes that are required for you to graduate.

CLASSES THAT COUNT

- GenEd requirements
- Major
- Electives used to reach 120 credit hours

where to look?



MYMADISON

My Class Schedule has an "Eligible for Financial Aid" column

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CLASS ISN'T AID ELIGIBLE?

- If you are aware of the non-eligible course(s) but your schedule won't be changing, let us know and we can adjust your budget and aid for the semester.
- Adjust your schedule to increase the number of FA eligible hours.
- Contact your advisor to see if the class is really needed.
- Contact your advisor and submit an appeal.

WHAT TYPES OF AID DOES THIS AFFECT?

- Federal and State aid (including grants, loans and federal work study)
- University grant programs
- Private educational loans.

WHAT ABOUT MY SCHOLARSHIP?

Scholarship eligibility is based on registered hours vs. financial aid eligible hours.

DO I HAVE TO BE FULL-TIME TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID?

As long as a student is enrolled in at least 6 financial aid eligible credits, they are still eligible to receive financial aid.

This may make it more cost effective to drop the unnecessary course(s). Contact our office to discuss options.

KEEP IN MIND

- An appeal cannot be granted if you are taking a class for personal reasons and/or to be more competitive for grad school.
- Make sure you have declared all desired plans (majors, minors, concentrations, etc).
- If your course is replacing one from your degree plan, a course directive may be needed to remedy the situation. Meet with your advisor to discuss.

NEED TO SUBMIT AN APPEAL?

If the course is:

- Required for your major.
- Required in order to raise your GPA (major, minor, cumulative).
- Required in order to replace test/transfer credit.
- Required to achieve 50% of required cumulative credit hours earned from a 4-year institution.

Access the appeal form by going to: www.jmu.edu/financialaid/forms

QUESTIONS?

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