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**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
- Minor
- Electives used to reach 120 credit hours

**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.

**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.

**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.

**WHAT TYPES OF AID DOES THIS AFFECT?**
- Federal and State aid (including grants, loans and federal work study)
- University grant programs
- Private educational loans.

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

**WHERE TO LOOK?**

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**NEED TO SUBMIT AN APPEAL?**
- Required for your major/minor.
- 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?**
If you have additional questions, contact us at: finaid_compliance@jmu.edu