

How will withdrawing from a class impact my financial aid?

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When a student receiving federal financial aid fails to complete a term or trimester by failing or withdrawing from courses for any reason, they may be subject to a [Return of Title IV Funds \(R2T4\)](#) calculation.

Student's "earn" their financial aid by participating in classes. If a student withdraws (W), is attendance withdrawn (WA), or failed all of their courses in a term or trimester and their last date of attendance is less than 60% of the way into the trimester or term, the school is required to return the "unearned" portion of financial aid to the Department of Education. This often results in a student owing a [balance to the University](#).

A withdrawal can also affect a student's [Satisfactory Academic Progress \(SAP\)](#) by lowering the [completion rate](#). Please reach out to your [student advisor](#) before withdrawing from a course to make sure you understand how the withdraw will impact you.
