

**Your financial aid will likely be adjusted when you drop or never attend a class.**

Your financial aid award is based your enrollment status—when that status changes, your award will change. For instance, a student with 12 credits (full time) who drops 6 credits will now be considered half time; but a student who drops from 8 credits to 6 credits remains in a half-time status.

**What is your financial aid enrollment status?**

If your number of aid-eligible credits is:	Your enrollment status is:
12 or more	Full time
9–11	3/4 time
6–8	Half time
1–5	Less than half time

**Your financial aid enrollment status includes only aid-eligible credits:**

**Coursework in your program of study**

Only coursework required for your program of study is aid-eligible and can be included in your enrollment status.

**Pre-requisite coursework**

Only a pre-requisite course that is also a required course for your program is aid-eligible and can be included in your enrollment status.

**Developmental coursework**

Only 30 attempted credits of required developmental coursework is aid-eligible and can be included in your enrollment status.

**Repeated coursework**

A course that you have already passed with a D or higher can be repeated one time only to be aid-eligible and included in your enrollment status.

**Your charges *may* be adjusted when you drop a class.**

*It all depends on when you drop the class.* Charges for tuition, consolidated fees, and course fees are adjusted during the 100% and 50% drop periods.

If you log on to myHCC and look at “My Financial Activity,” you can see your charges in real time.

**100% REFUND PERIOD**

This means that 100% of the charges are removed and you will not be charged for the class.

**50% REFUND PERIOD**

This means that 50% of the charges are removed. You will still be **charged 50% of tuition**, consolidated fees, and course fees.

**0% REFUND PERIOD**

This means that none of the charges are removed. You will be **charged the full amount of tuition**, consolidated fees, and course fees.

**Variable time sessions**

During summer, winter or other variable time sessions (late start, fast track, express classes, etc): students are eligible for graduated refunds during the first few days of a section. Exact dates can be viewed in “My Tuition Refund & Withdraw Deadlines” in myHCC. During this period, students are eligible for a refund of either 100 percent of all tuition, the consolidated fee, and course fees or 50 percent of tuition and consolidated fee only. After the posted refund period for these sections, students are not eligible for refunds.

**Dropped classes do not appear on your transcripts.**

Withdrawals *do* appear on student transcripts, but dropped classes do not. Be aware of the census date. The census date is the last day to add or drop for the regular semester and it is the registration deadline for financial aid recipients. A class that is “dropped” after census (unless it is a late start class) is a withdrawal and will earn a “W” grade.

**Audited courses** cannot be included in your financial aid enrollment status.

**Dropped courses and courses that you never attended** (NA grade) cannot be included in your financial aid enrollment status.

Speak with a financial aid representative *before* dropping a class. As shown in this chart, a drop in credits can result in a balance owed to the college.

**An example of the financial effects of dropping a class during the 100%, 50%, and 0% refund periods.**

	<b>At the beginning of the term, Olivia is enrolled in 12 credits.(full time)</b>	<b>What happens if Olivia drops 6 credits during 100% refund period?</b> (She remains in 6 credits and is half time).	<b>What happens if Olivia drops 6 credits during 50% refund period?</b> (She remains in 6 credits and is half time).	<b>What happens if Olivia drops 6 credits during 0% refund period?</b> (She remains in 6 credits and is half time).
<b>Financial Aid</b>	<b>\$2400</b>	Aid adjusts to reflect half-time enrollment: <b>\$1200.</b>	Aid adjusts to reflect half-time enrollment: <b>\$1200.</b>	Aid adjusts to reflect half-time enrollment: <b>\$1200.</b>
<b>Charges for tuition, consolidated fees, and course fees</b>	<b>\$1400</b>	100% of the charges for the 6 dropped credits are subtracted from her bill. Her new charges are: <b>\$660.</b>	Only 50% of the charges for the 6 dropped credits are subtracted from her bill. Her new charges are: <b>\$990.</b>	<b>None</b> of the charges for the 6 dropped credits are subtracted from her bill. Her charges are: <b>\$1400</b>
<b>Excess funds for books and/or refund</b>	<b>\$1000</b>	<b>\$540</b>	<b>\$210</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Out of pocket money owed to college</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	Her half-time award is less than her charges. <b>She owes \$200.</b>