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Student Awards and Financial Aid

OSAP Impact When Dropping Courses



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Why Do Course Withdrawals Affect OSAP Entitlements?

- When you initially apply for OSAP, you are applying under a certain set of circumstances, based on the information you include in your application. Additionally, the assessment that is completed based on your application, as well as the funding that you receive as a result of this assessment, is based on the courses you are registered for in each respective term.
- By dropping courses, you are changing the circumstances under which your application was assessed, and thus you may be entitled to less funding as a result of taking fewer courses.



Potential Impacts of Course Withdrawal(s) on OSAP

- When dropping courses, you are changing your course load. To remain eligible for Full-Time OSAP funding, you must remain in at least a 60% course load over the length of the term (or a 40% course load for students with a permanent disability registered with OSAP (PD)).

“I am dropping a class, but I will remain above a 60% course load (40% course load for students with a PD)”

- If you drop courses, but remain in at least a 60% course load (or 40% for students with a PD), you remain eligible for Full-Time OSAP, however your assessment could change depending on how many courses you drop.



Academic Progress

- When dropping below a 60% course load (or 40% for students with a PD), you are at risk of receiving an Academic Progress restriction. This could include being placed on Academic Probation (can still apply for and receive OSAP the following year), or being placed on Academic Restriction (cannot receive funding for at least one OSAP Academic year)
- For more information about OSAP Academic Progress requirements and restrictions, visit the OSAP Academic Probation & Restrictions page.
- <https://www.uwindsor.ca/studentawards/369/academic-progress-osap>



Steps to Follow When Dropping Courses

- Prior to dropping courses, contact the Student Awards & Financial Aid Office (SAFA)
- A Financial Aid Specialist can review and explain the impact of dropping courses, both financially and academically
- Once you have adjusted your course level, adding or dropping, submit a course load update form to your OSAP account for processing
 - <https://www.uwindsor.ca/studentawards/processing-forms>
- Failure to notify the Student Awards & Financial Office of your changes in registration will simply delay the adjustment to your OSAP application



Making Payments to the National Student Loans Service Centre (NSLSC)

- If you are restricted from receiving OSAP due to an overpayment restriction, you will need to make a payment to the NSLSC prior to any further OSAP funding being released. To do so, contact the National Student Loans Service Centre (NSLSC) at 1 888 815-4514 (within North America) or 800 2 225-2501 (outside North America) for assistance with making a payment, or setting up your NSLSC account.



Questions



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