

COVID-19, Spring Quarter and Financial Aid

The Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships is working to make spring quarter as smooth as possible in light of the campus's need to respond to COVID-19. Here are some details that might answer questions you're asking yourself.

Will my financial aid be affected if I move or cancel my UCSB Housing contract?

Financial aid can still be used to cover housing expenses if you choose to move off-campus.

- We are making budget determinations that are in the best interest of each student.
- If your accepted financial aid exceeds your BARC balance, you will still receive a refund and be able to use that towards your new housing or other educational expenses.

Will my spring term enrollment affect Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) and my future aid?

We are taking steps to ensure financial aid is not held up due to late or missing grades.

- Students on Financial Aid Probation for winter quarter have been automatically extended to probation status for spring quarter. This ensures that no student will become disqualified for aid due to late grades or other effects of the campus changes.
- Annual SAP assessments will continue to be performed at the end of spring quarter or at the end of summer for students attending summer.
- As usual, all students who fail to meet their minimum requirements during the annual review will be able to appeal to have their aid reinstated.

What if my winter quarter grades are late or missing?

We are monitoring all students with missing grades.

- We always monitor students with missing grades for 30 days.
- We will monitor them beyond 30 days for any student with a missing grade that we suspect might be related to the TA strike or late/different finals due to the campus COVID-19 response.
- It is our priority to ensure no students are adversely affected by these circumstances.

What if I'm not enrolled full time for spring?

Enrollment requirements remain the same.

- Full time enrollment (12 units or more) ensures maximum eligibility for aid.

Will I continue to receive my Work-Study paychecks?

You will be compensated for any work you perform. No changes to Work-Study.

- Must be enrolled in 6 or more units to utilize Work-Study.
- Students should confirm with their employers that business operations and hours are not changing.
- If you prefer not to work, please connect with your employer.
- Please also contact your employer if you prefer to work remotely.

What if I cancel my registration?

No change to registration cancels for spring.

- All aid will be billed back for cancels approved by the Registrar.

What if I need to withdraw?

No change for spring quarter withdrawals.

- Calculations will be performed for all students who withdraw.
- The longer a student attends the quarter, the more aid they are eligible to keep and less they will be required to pay back.

How can I reach Financial Aid & Scholarships if I have more questions?

We remain reachable by phone at (805) 893-2432 and email at finaid@sa.ucsb.edu. Our front desk is currently closed in response to social distancing recommendations. Any changes to our schedule will be posted on the Visit Us section of our website: <https://www.finaid.ucsb.edu/visit-us>