Unusual Enrollment History Policy (UEH)

Policy Statement

The U.S. Department of Education has regulations to prevent fraud and abuse in the Federal Pell Grant Program by identifying students with unusual enrollment histories. If a student received the Federal Pell Grant at multiple institutions during the last three academic years, the student’s Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) may be flagged for unusual enrollment history (UEH). Unusual Enrollment History must be resolved before a student can receive federal financial aid.

The student’s Student Aid Report (SAR) will reflect any unusual enrollment history, and UNA Student Financial Services will be required to review enrollment history to determine whether or not the student is enrolling only long enough to receive refunds of federal student aid. If the student received the Federal Pell Grant and credit hours (passing grades: A-D) were not earned at each institution during these award years, the student may be determined ineligible for federal student aid. The student may be asked to provide valid documentation explaining the reason behind the unusual enrollment history.

Students whose aid eligibility is denied as a result of unusual enrollment history can be re-considered for federal student aid after meeting with an academic advisor, enrolling for one academic semester with a minimum enrollment of half time status (six hours for undergraduate and five hours for graduate), enrolling only in courses that are required by their program, not dropping or withdrawing from (officially or unofficially) any courses after the term begins, and meeting the University’s standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).

Reason or purpose for policy

To assist students in understanding the unusual enrollment history regulation

Entities affected by this policy

Students applying for financial aid who have been identified by the U.S. Department of Education as having an unusual enrollment history

Line of authority

Responsible administrator and office: Student Financial Services, 318 Commons Building, 256.765.4278.

Effective date

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