

Federal Student Financial Aid Refund Policy

Mandatory class attendance is REQUIRED when receiving federal financial aid. If you withdraw or stop attending all of your classes before completing 60% of the term, you may be required to repay a portion or **ALL** of the federal aid that you have received, excluding Federal Work Study earnings. If you withdraw and never attend the class(es), you may be required to pay a portion or **ALL** of the federal aid that you have received, excluding Federal Work Study earnings.

The amount of federal aid that you must repay is determined by the Federal Formula for Return of Title IV funds (Section 484B of the Higher Education Act, the full text of which is available at <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/leg/hea98/sec485.html>). This law also specifies the order in which funds are to be returned to the financial aid programs from which they were awarded, starting with loan programs.

You may be required to make a repayment when financial aid funds have been disbursed from financial aid funds, in excess of the amount of aid that you earned (based on the date of your total withdrawal) during the term. The amount of Title IV aid earned is determined by multiplying the total Title IV aid (other than FWS) for which you qualified by the percentage of time during the term that you were enrolled.

- * If less aid was disbursed than was earned, you may receive a late disbursement for the difference.
- * If more aid was disbursed than was earned, the amount of Title IV aid that you must return (i.e. not earned) is determined by subtracting the earned amount from the amount actually disbursed.

The responsibility for returning unearned Title IV aid is shared between the University and you. It is allocated according to the portion of disbursed aid that was used to cover University charges, and the portion that was disbursed directly to you once those charges were covered. FIT will distribute the unearned aid back to the Title IV programs, as specified by law. You will be billed for the amount that you owe to the Title IV programs, as well as any amount due to the University as a result of Title IV funds that were returned that would have been used to cover University charges.