



# CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY

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A bad semester or a withdrawal might affect financial aid eligibility. Merit scholarships (Presidential, Chancellor's, Dean's, Board of Trustees, and Founder's) require that students maintain minimum cumulative Chapman grade point averages of 2.75 at the end of each academic year. If you have a bad semester but possess at least a 2.75 cumulative Chapman GPA at the end of spring semester, you will retain your scholarship. Withdrawals from classes do not affect your GPA and thus will not affect your merit scholarship eligibility. (But they might affect your eligibility for other types of assistance. Please read on.) Talent Scholarships (music, dance, art, theatre, science, athletic training, creative writing/journalism, film) require a minimum Chapman cumulative GPA of 2.0, but the terms of the scholarship may require a higher GPA in your major. The GPA requirement, if any, and other terms for renewing your talent scholarship were provided with your initial award letter. If you can't find your letter, a copy is available from the financial aid office. All scholarships are awarded for a maximum number of semesters. This number varies depending on whether you entered Chapman as a freshman or as a transfer student. A bad semester could require you to attend beyond the maximum number of semesters for which you can receive scholarship assistance. Be sure to maximize your opportunities to graduate in the shortest possible time. Non-scholarship assistance has requirements different from scholarships. Undergraduate students must maintain a minimum Chapman cumulative GPA of 2.0 at the end of each spring semester. They also must successfully complete at least 24 units during the academic year if they attend full-time for both semesters, and at least 12 units if attending only one semester. (Graduate students must complete at least two-thirds of the units in which they enroll.) If you withdraw from a class, be sure to enroll in sufficient other units to finish the academic year with at least 24 units (or 12, if only enrolled one semester). Also remember that a student who withdraws from all his or her classes during the first 60 percent of a semester will be required to return a portion of federally provided assistance to the government, which could impact how much you owe for that semester. If you experience some circumstance that prevents you from meeting these requirements, you may petition the financial aid office for reinstatement of eligibility. You will need to explain the cause of the difficulty and the steps you have taken to ensure the impediments to your success have been resolved. The financial aid office recognizes that bad things happen to good people; nearly every first petition is approved. For more information about financial aid academic requirements, you may read the appropriate section of the Financial Aid Student Information Guide, which was mailed to you with your award letter. The Guide also can be found at: <http://www.chapman.edu/finaid/>. Forms for petitioning for reinstatement of eligibility can be found at: <http://www.chapman.edu/finaid/pdf/NSPAPPEAL.pdf>. If it would be helpful to discuss your specific situation and appeal options, feel free to schedule an appointment with the Dean of Students office.