

## 2. Paying for Your Education

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The Financial Aid Office is located on the second floor of the Hahn Student Services building in room 205 and is open for service 8 A.M.-5 P.M. Monday through Friday. Information is available by phone 8 A.M.-5 P.M. Monday through Friday at 459-2963 and at the web site [www2.ucsc.edu/fin-aid/](http://www2.ucsc.edu/fin-aid/).

Many financial aid questions can be answered by the professional staff who work at the main counter and on the phones in the Financial Aid Office. Financial aid advisers are also available to see students on a drop-in basis and by appointment. Advisers can assist in a variety of areas including: helping students who are experiencing difficulty meeting their educational and living expenses, counseling, money management, and assisting those who are looking for alternative resources to fund their educational expenses. Each student has an assigned adviser; assignments are organized alphabetically by the student's last name.

The Financial Aid Office coordinates the awarding of scholarships, grants, work-study, meritorious scholarships, and loans to UCSC students. To apply for financial aid, submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 2 prior to the academic year for which you need assistance. You must also submit supporting documents requested by the Financial Aid Office (such as tax returns) by June 1. Applications received after these priority deadlines will be considered for University Grants, Perkins Loans, and Work-Study on a fund-available basis. Federal Pell Grants and W.D. Ford Federal Direct Loans are available for late applicants who meet the eligibility criteria.

If you obtain financial aid and then do not carry a full course load, you may lose all or part of your aid (see [How Course Credits Can Affect Financial Aid Status](#) on page 11 for more details). You may also lose your financial aid if you do not maintain satisfactory academic progress. Undergraduates are expected to finish their bachelor's degree after 12 quarters of college attendance. In unusual circumstances, undergraduates may receive up to 15 quarters of full-time enrollment (or the equivalent for students with transfer courses.) Units earned in the UC Santa Cruz Summer Session are counted with other transfer units. The college must approve enrollment beyond 12 quarters. Students are not eligible to receive aid beyond the 15th or equivalent quarter. Financial aid recipients will receive written notification of their final quarter of eligibility beginning three quarters before their final quarter of aid eligibility.

For an extension of financial aid eligibility beyond the allotted 15 quarters, submit a detailed written explanation of why you need additional time to complete your undergraduate degree objectives and a Petition to Extend Enrollment approved by your college, to the Financial Aid Office. (Your college's approval of your petition is required, but does not constitute extension of financial aid eligibility.) You will normally be informed of the decision within two weeks after submission. Appeals may be approved only for truly unusual cases and not to compensate for poor planning or poor performance.

Financial aid funds in excess of university charges are disbursed quarterly by Student Business Services (SBS). Students must be enrolled in at least 6 units. By completing a Direct Deposit Application and submitting it to SBS, financial aid remaining after all charges are paid will be directly deposited into a personal bank account. If you are not signed up for direct deposit, a paper check will be generated and will be mailed to your mailing address (on the [MyUCSC](#) portal) by Student Business Services. For more information, call 459-2107. Student Business Services is located in 203 Hahn Student Services Building. A Direct Deposit Application may be found at [sbs.ucsc.edu](http://sbs.ucsc.edu).