

Financial Aid Freeze Dates

Important Notice

In accordance with federal regulations, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College establishes a “freeze date” each semester to determine a student’s enrollment status for disbursing federal financial aid. Financial aid will only pay for courses that are **required for your major and are added before the freeze date**. Hours will be frozen at the end of the schedule adjustment (“add/drop”) period. Students must be registered for **all** parts of term before the freeze date to receive federal aid for that class. Federal aid will not be available for classes added after hours have been frozen. If you are not registered for a minimum of 6 hours when hours are frozen, you will not be eligible for your student loan and you will not have an opportunity to add a class in order to be eligible.

Students who are retroactively awarded federal aid (after the freeze date) will have hours frozen at the time the award is made and payment will be based on current enrollment at that time.

The freeze date applies only to federal aid. HOPE Scholarship, HOPE Grant, and Accel funds may be increased for additional classes when applicable.

Example 1 - Here’s an example of how the freeze date affects the amount of financial aid Bill received:

Bill Stallion is receiving only federal financial aid. He started attending classes on January 11th. Schedule adjustment period was January 11th through the 13th. The financial aid freeze date occurred on January 25th. Here is a history of when he enrolled in the courses:

No. of Credits	Date When Bill Enrolled or Added Credits
6	December 18 th
3	January 4 th
3	January 28 th (for Session B course)
12	Total credits Bill is taking in the Spring

As you can see, Bill is taking a total of 12 credits in the spring and he will be charged for 12 credits. However, **his federal financial aid received is based on 9 credits and not 12**, since this was the number of credits in which he was enrolled on the financial aid freeze date of January 25th.

Example 2 - Here's an example of how the freeze date affects the amount of financial aid Mary received:

Mary Fillie is receiving both federal financial aid and HOPE Scholarship. She started attending classes on January 11th. Schedule adjustment period was January 11th through the 13th. The financial aid freeze date occurred on January 25th. Here is a history of when she enrolled in the courses:

No. of Credits	Date When Mary Enrolled or Added Credits
6	December 18 th
3	January 4 th
3	January 28 th (for Session B course)
12	Total credits Mary is taking in the Spring

As you can see, Mary is taking a total of 12 credits in the spring and she will be charged for 12 credits. Her **federal financial aid received is based on 9 credits** since this was the number of credits in which she was enrolled on the financial aid freeze date of January 25th. However, because HOPE Scholarship is not a federal fund, Mary can receive HOPE Scholarship for 12 credit hours. **Please note that Mary's federal aid such as Pell, SEOG, ACG, etc. is still paid based on 9 credit hours.**