

Pell Recalculation Date Policy

How Adding & Dropping Courses Impacts Pell Grant

The Pell recalculation date is a date in the semester when Student Financial Services will evaluate your Federal Pell Grant eligibility based on your enrollment status. If the Pell Grant you were awarded does not match with your enrollment status, your award must be adjusted.

Failure to begin attendance in any course will result in a mandatory recalculation of Pell Grant.

Pell Recalculation Date 2021-2022 (full semester classes)

Fall 2021	August 23, 2021
Spring 2022	January 21, 2022

Pell Recalculation Date 2021-2022 (8-week classes)

Fall 2021	August 23, 2021	October 18, 2021
Spring 2022	January 21, 2022	March 21, 2022
Summer 2022	June 6, 2022	

Register for Classes Prior to the Pell Recalculation Date

A student's initial Federal Pell Grant (Pell) award offer anticipates full-time enrollment. Per federal regulation, the number of credit hours a student is enrolled in at the time of the Pell Recalculation Date (PRD) determines what percentage of that award is applied to their account.

FAFSA and Enrollment Completed Before the Pell Recalculation Date

Any student who completes their FAFSA and registers for classes prior to the first PRD will have their enrollment status (full-time, half-time, etc.) locked in at the time of the PRD. Any full-term courses added after the PRD will not be eligible for Pell.

FAFSA and Enrollment Completed After the Pell Recalculation Date

Any student who **initially** enrolls after the PRD and has a FAFSA already on file will receive the appropriate amount of Pell award based on enrollment status. **In this scenario, the student is strongly encouraged to register for ALL classes in one registration session, as classes added after the initial registration will not be eligible for Pell.** Should OCC receive a student's FAFSA after the PRD, the student will be awarded an appropriate amount of Pell based on their enrollment status at the time of the FAFSA's receipt.

Pell Grant Enrollment

Full-time	12 or more hours
Three-quarter time	9-11 hours
Half-time	6-8 hours
Less than half-time	1-5 hours

Examples:

Adding a late starting, 8-week session course:

- Prior to the first PRD you enroll in nine credit hours. After the PRD you enroll in one three credit hour course that does not begin until the semester's eight week session. Your Pell will be increased at the second PRD to accommodate for the added class.

Dropping full-term courses and Adding 8-week session course:

- Prior to the first PRD you enroll in nine credit hours. During the first 8 weeks of the semester you drop six of those hours and add one, three credit hour course that does not begin until the semester's second, eight week session. Your Pell will be recalculated at the second PRD to accommodate the number of credit hours you are registered for at that time. In this example that would be six total credit hours, or half time (9CH - 6CH + 3 CH).

Before you add or drop courses, be sure to check with Student Financial Services (finaid@occ.edu) to ensure what implications it may have on your financial aid.