

- 61-90 calendar days, 25% refund

Note: A copy of the University Refund Policy may be obtained from Student Financial Services in the Joyal Administration Building, Room 181.

Returned Checks

Writing a bad check is against the law. Recipients of bad checks may sue the payer in Small Claims court for three times the amount of the check or \$100, whichever is more. In addition, suit may be made against the payer for the face value of the check and all court costs. (California Civil Code, Chapter 522, Section 1719.)

Writing a bad check will result in the following.

1. The student's university records will be attached and the student will be denied all services.
2. The student will be charged \$20 for processing in addition to the face value of the check
3. Enrollment of classes may be subject to cancellation. If enrollment is cancelled, the student will not be reinstated.

- Payment of returned checks must be made with a cashier's check or money order.
- Personal checks will not be accepted, including checks written by a friend or relative.
- Placing a "stop payment" or closing an account will not release the student from financial obligation. (Title 5, Section 42381)

Fees and Debts Owed to the Institution

Should a student or former student fail to pay a fee or a debt owed to the institution, the institution may "withhold permission to register, to use facilities for which a fee is authorized to be charged, to receive services, materials, food or merchandise or any combination of the above from any person owing a debt" until the debt is paid (see Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Sections 42380 and 42381).

Prospective students who register for courses offered by the University are obligated for the payment of fees associated with registration for those courses. Failure to cancel registration in any course for an academic term prior to the first day of the academic term gives rise to an obligation to pay student fees including any tuition for the reservation of space in the course.

The institution may withhold permission to register or to receive official transcripts of grades or other services offered by the institution from anyone owing fees or another debt to the institution. The institution may also report the debt to a credit bureau, offset the amount due against any future state tax refunds due the student, refer the debt to an outside collection agency and/or charge the student actual and reasonable collection costs, including reasonable attorney fees if litigation is necessary, in collecting any amount not paid when due.

If a person believes he or she does not owe all or part of an asserted unpaid obligation, that person may contact Student Financial Services, 559.278.2876. Student Financial Services, or another office to which the person may be referred, will review all pertinent information provided by the person and available to the campus and will advise the person of its conclusions.

Fee Waivers and Exemptions

The California Education Code provides for the waiver of mandatory systemwide tuition fees as follows:

Section 66025.3 –Dependent eligible to receive assistance under Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Division 4 of the Military and Veterans Code; child of veteran of the United States military who has a service-connected disability, has been killed in service, or has died of a service-connected disability, and meets specified income provisions; dependent, or surviving spouse (who has not remarried) of a member of the California National Guard who, in the line of duty, and while in the active service of the state, was killed, died of a disability resulting from an event that occurred while in the active service of the state, or is permanently disabled as a result of an event that occurred while in the active service of the state; and undergraduate student who is a recipient of or child of a recipient of a Medal of Honor, under 27 years old, meets the income restriction and California residency requirement.

Section 68120 – Qualifying children and surviving spouses/registered domestic partners of deceased public law enforcement or fire suppression employees who were California residents and who were killed in the course of active law enforcement or fire suppression duties (referred to as Alan Pattee Scholarships); and

Section 68121 – Qualifying students enrolled in an undergraduate program who are the surviving dependent of any individual killed in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon building in Washington, D.C., or the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 in southwestern Pennsylvania, if the student meets the financial need requirements set forth in Section 69432.7 for the Cal Grant A Program and either the surviving dependent or the individual killed in the attacks was a resident of California on September 11, 2001. Students who may qualify for these benefits should contact the