Distance Education

Summary/Purpose: Distance Education programs and financial aid

Study Abroad
A student may receive some types of financial aid when enrolled in a study abroad program. However, there are requirements that must be completed before any aid will be released to the student’s bursar account. To determine eligibility and aid amounts, the student must meet with a financial aid advisor at least six weeks before the beginning of the semester or term of enrollment. If a student does not meet with a financial aid advisor, the student’s aid could be delayed.

Programs at other Institutions
A degree-seeking student may receive some types of financial aid when enrolled in a program at another institution. However, there are requirements such as a consortium agreement that must be completed before any aid can be processed to the student’s bursar account. A consortium agreement is a contract between two institutions. To determine eligibility and aid amounts, the student must meet with a financial aid advisor at least six weeks before the beginning of the semester or term of enrollment. If a student does not meet with a financial aid advisor, the student will not receive any aid.

National Student Exchange
A student may receive some types of financial aid when enrolled in the National Student Exchange Program. However, there are requirements that must be completed before any aid will be released to the student’s bursar account. To determine eligibility and aid amounts, the student must meet with a financial aid advisor at least six weeks before the beginning of the semester or term of enrollment. If a student does not meet with a financial aid advisor, the student will not receive any aid.

Correspondence Courses (Independent Study Courses offered by the Office of Independent Study and not by the Office of the Registrar)
When the student enrolls for his/her correspondence course, his/her bursar account will be charged with his/her correspondence course tuition and fees. The correspondence course tuition fee is a separate and an additional charge to all main campus and branch campuses’ tuition and fee charges. If the student is enrolled as a full-time student with 12 or more hours, then the student still will be assessed a correspondence course tuition charge as well as a fulltime campus tuition charge.

Most scholarships including University Scholarships such as Academic Excellence and University Foundation Scholarships do not use correspondence courses as part of their enrollment requirements. No state aid including MESG and MTAG will allow correspondence courses to be used to fulfill the enrollment requirement.

A student may receive some types of federal financial aid when enrolled in correspondence courses. However, there are requirements that must be met before any aid will be released to the
student’s bursar account. The student must complete the on-line Request to Use Correspondence Course(s) for Financial Aid form and meet with a financial aid advisor to determine eligibility and aid amounts at least two weeks before the beginning of the semester or term of enrollment. If a student does not meet with a financial aid advisor, the student will not receive any aid.