

Undergraduate Course Extension Procedures (096a)

Policy Sponsor: Office of the Registrar

Name of Parent Policy: <u>Undergraduate Course Extension Policy (096)</u>

Policy Contact: Coordinator, Enrolment, Records and Examination Services

Procedure Contact: Coordinator, Enrolment, Records and Examination Services

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Purpose

To define the conditions under which an Athabasca University (University) undergraduate student can request and purchase additional time and access to an undergraduate Individualized Study Course.

Definitions

Appellant The individual making an appeal. An Appellant

can be a student or an authorized

representative of a student.

Course Contract End Date

The last day of the month at the end of the

Course Contract Period, unless the student

finishes early, then this is:

 The last day for students to complete and submit all required course work associated with an Individualized Study

Course, or;

 the date the final grade is assigned to the course (when all required

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coursework is marked and a final grade is assigned earlier than the Course Contract End Date).

The Course Contract End Date is also the last day that students can submit exam requests.

Course Contract Period

The time that students are actively registered in Individualized Study Courses. A course begins on the course contract start date (usually the first day of a month) and runs until the Course Contract End Date.

Course Extension

A request to purchase additional time and access to University resources in order to complete a course.

Full-time Student

Full-time Students are students who are registered in a minimum of 60 percent of a full course load.

Grouped Study Course

Courses that are offered in a classroom setting, or courses where students study in a group in a web-based online environment with common deadlines for completion of course activities.

Individualized Study Course

Courses delivered in either a print-based or online environment that students complete at their own pace within the Course Contract Period, using the learning resources and support services provided by the University.

Part-time Student

Part-time Students are students who are registered in less than 60 percent of a full course load.

Student Financial Assistance (SFA) Funded Student

A student who is in receipt of a student loan and/or grant from one of the provincial or territorial Government Financial Assistance Agencies in Canada.

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Procedures

1. Full-time SFA Funded Students

Full-time SFA Funded Students must contact the Student Awards and Financial Aid Unit in the Office of the Registrar at sfa@athabascau.ca to request and/or discuss the implication of a Course Extension on their funding and status.

2. Eligible Students for Course Extensions

- a) Eligible students (as outlined in the <u>Undergraduate Course Extension Policy</u>) may submit requests for Course Extensions as outlined through any of the following methods:
 - i) Online through the Office of the Registrar Online Services (OROS). Student will be notified immediately of the result of their requests.
 - ii) By completing and submitting a <u>Course Extension Request Form</u> and full payment. Notification of the result of the request will be provided to the student. Submit the Course Extension Request form via:
 - 1) fax to 1-780-675-6174.
 - 2) mail/courier to:

Athabasca University
Office of the Registrar
Enrolment Services
1 University Drive
Athabasca AB T9S 3A3
1-780-675-6288 (telephone number to be listed on courier waybill)

3) in person at Athabasca University.

The date of receipt will be based on when the complete request and full payment is received by the University.

3. Appeals

All appeals to this policy must be made using the Office of the Registrar's Online Appeals Form.

All decisions will be communicated in writing to the Appellant.

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The Appeals Officer designated by the Registrar has the final decision-making authority on all appeals to this policy.

If the Appeals Officer has received an appeal in error, it will be redirected accordingly.

Applicable Legislation and Regulations

Canada Student Loans Act

Related References, Policies, Procedures and Forms

Undergraduate Course Extension Policy (096)

Undergraduate Course Re-Registration Policy (066)

Undergraduate Course Re-Registration Procedure (066a)

Undergraduate Course Withdrawal and Refund Policy - Individualized Study (148)

Undergraduate Course Withdrawal and Refund Procedures - Individualized Study (148a)

Undergraduate Challenge for Credit Procedures (073a)

Undergraduate Examination Request and Completion Policy – Individualized Study (137)

Undergraduate Examination Request and Completion Procedures – Individualized Study (137a)

Office of the Registrar's Online Appeals Form

<u>History</u>

Athabasca University General Faculties Council, June 14, 2017, Motion #38-05 (associated policy approved)

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