

Birmingham-Southern College

Summer Pell Grant Policy

2 Scheduled Pell Awards in an Academic Year

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Beginning with the 2009-2010 academic year students are eligible for up to 2 scheduled awards (200%) per year of Pell grants. The Higher Education Opportunity Act (the HEOA), Pub. L. 110-315, enacted on August 14, 2008, authorizes schools to disburse up to two Pell Grants in a single award year for the 2009-2010 Award Year and forward for Pell-eligible students. Federal Pell Grant Program Regulations: 690.63 (Calculating Federal Pell Grant Awards), 690.80 (Recalculation of a Federal Pell Grant Award), and 690.81 (Fiscal Control and Fund Accounting Procedures), allow institutions that have a written policy that is adopted before July 1, 2010 to determine which award year a student's cross-over payment period will be assigned to during the 2009-2010 award year transactional period.

For the summer of 2009, BSC paid Pell grant out of the 2009-2010 year (as a “leader”) based on our best interpretation and good faith effort prior to regulatory guidance.

For the summer of 2010, BSC will pay Pell grant out of the 2009-2010 year (as a “trailer”) during the transition period for the new Pell grant awards. If students use their first scheduled award and they enroll in a minimum of 1.5 units (6 credit hours) they can be eligible for a 2nd scheduled award. Student must have one hour which would go into their second year, counting all attempted hours from fall and spring, to receive a second scheduled award or part of award in the summer of 2010. For example, BSC defines its year as 24 credit hours; if the student receives a fulltime award in fall 2009 and spring 2010 and enrolls in 1.5 units (6 hours) or more in summer they would receive Pell grant, for the summer payment period from the 2009-2010 year, providing they are otherwise eligible. Students must begin all their classes or Pell must be recalculated which may result in a \$0.00 amount. Pell grants for a payment period may be combined using the first and second scheduled awards if the student is eligible. For the summer, 2010 only, no consideration will be given to 2010-11 student eligibility during the cross-over payment period and no consideration will be given to academic progression requirements. We will base our determination on attempted credits.

SUMMER TERM 2010

Full-Term Courses

Monday, June 7..... Residence Halls Open at 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, June 8..... Registration for Full-Term Courses
Wednesday, June 9 First Day of Full-Term Classes
Friday, June 11.....Last Day to Drop a Full-Term Course without Tuition Proration

Last Day to Add Full-Term Course, Select S/U, Change Course to Audit
 Last Day for VA Recipients to Add or Drop Full-Term Course
 Wednesday, June 23Last Day for Adjustment of Tuition
 Last Day to Drop Full-Term Course without a Grade*
 Wednesday, June 30 Last Day to Drop Full-Term Course with Grade of “W”
 Monday, July 5.....Independence Day Holiday (No Classes)
 Thursday, July 22 Last Day of Full-Term Classes
 Friday, July 23Reading Day
 Monday, July 26 & Tuesday, July 27Final Exams for Full-Term Courses
 Tuesday, August 3 Residence Halls Close at 10:00 a.m.
 Wednesday, August 4Professors Report Full-Term Grades
 Wednesday, August 11..... Grades Available on TheSIS

First Half-Term Courses

Tuesday, June 8Registration for First Half-Term Courses
 Wednesday, June 9First Day of First Half-Term Classes
 Friday, June 11Last Day to Drop a First Half-Term Course without Tuition Proration
 Last Day to Add First Half-Term Course, Select S/U, Change Course to Audit
 Last Day for VA Recipients to Add or Drop First Half-Term Course
 Wednesday, June 16Last Day for Adjustment of Tuition
 Last Day to Drop First Half-Term Course without a Grade*
 Wednesday, June 23 Last Day to Drop First Half-Term Course with Grade of “W”
 Thursday, July 1 Last Day of First Half-Term Classes
 Friday, July 2Reading Day
 Monday, July 5.....Independence Day Holiday (No Classes)
 Tuesday, July 6..... Final Exams for First Half-Term Courses
 Thursday, July 8Professors Report First Half-Term Grades
 Thursday, July 15Grades Available on TheSIS

Second Half-Term Courses

Tuesday, July 6..... Registration for Second Half-Term Courses
 Wednesday, July 7First Day of Second Half-Term Classes
 Friday, July 9Last Day to Drop a Second Half-Term Course without Tuition Proration
 Last Day to Add Second Half-Term Course, Select S/U, Change Course to Audit
 Last Day for VA Recipients to Add or Drop Second Half-Term Course
 Wednesday, July 14Last Day for Adjustment of Tuition
 Last Day to Drop Second Half-Term Course without a Grade*
 Wednesday, July 21Last Day to Drop Second Half-Term Course with Grade of “W”
 Thursday, July 29.....Last Day of Second Half-Term Classes
 Friday, July 30Reading Day
 Monday, August 2Final Exams for Second Half-Term Courses
 Wednesday, August 4Professors Report Second Half-Term Grades
 Wednesday, August 11..... Grades Available on TheSIS

* A student dropping all courses should complete a Withdrawal Form available at the Records Office.

For the summer of 2011, BSC will consider the term to be a “cross-over” payment period and will pay Pell grant out of the 2010-2011 or 2011-2012, whichever award year provides the student with the most Pell grant eligibility per federal regulations. Students must have a valid ISIR on file for the year used to determine Pell grant eligibility. If students use their first scheduled award and they enroll in a minimum of 6 credit hours they can be eligible for a 2nd scheduled award. Student must have one hour which would go into their second year after counting completed hours from fall and spring and registered hours in summer. For example,

BSC defines its year as 24 credit hours; if the student receives a fulltime award in fall 2010 and spring 2011, and completed 24 hours, and enrolls in 6 hours or more in summer they would receive Pell grant, for the summer payment period from the 2010-11 or the 2011-12 award year based on whichever will provide the largest Scheduled Award, providing they are otherwise eligible. Students must begin all their classes or Pell must be recalculated which may result in a \$0.00 amount. Pell grants for a payment period may be combined using the first and second scheduled awards if the student is eligible. For the summer, 2011, students will also need to meet applicable academic progression requirement for a 2010-2011 award or they may be eligible for a first scheduled award from the 2011-2012 year.

SUMMER TERM 2011

Full-Term Courses

Monday, June 6..... Residence Halls Open at 10:00 a.m.
 Tuesday, June 7..... Registration for Full-Term Courses
 Wednesday, June 8 First Day of Full-Term Classes
 Friday, June 10.....Last Day to Drop a Full-Term Course without Tuition Proration
 Last Day to Add Full-Term Course, Select S/U, Change Course to Audit
 Last Day for VA Recipients to Add or Drop Full-Term Course
 Wednesday, June 22Last Day for Adjustment of Tuition
 Last Day to Drop Full-Term Course without a Grade*
 Wednesday, June 29 Last Day to Drop Full-Term Course with Grade of “W”
 Monday, July 4.....Independence Day (No Classes)
 Thursday, July 21 Last Day of Full-Term Classes
 Friday, July 22Reading Day
 Monday, July 25 & Tuesday, July 26Final Exams for Full-Term Courses
 Wednesday, July 27.....Residence Halls Close 10:00 a.m. for Students in Only Full-Term Courses
 Wednesday, August 3Professors Report Full-Term Grades
 Monday, August 8 Grades Available on TheSIS

First Half-Term Courses

Tuesday, June 7Registration for First Half-Term Courses
 Wednesday, June 8First Day of First Half-Term Classes
 Friday, June 10Last Day to Drop a First Half-Term Course without Tuition Proration
 Last Day to Add First Half-Term Course, Select S/U, Change Course to Audit
 Last Day for VA Recipients to Add or Drop First Half-Term Course
 Wednesday, June 15Last Day for Adjustment of Tuition
 Last Day to Drop First Half-Term Course without a Grade*
 Wednesday, June 22 Last Day to Drop First Half-Term Course with Grade of “W”
 Thursday, June 30Last Day of First Half-Term Classes
 Friday, July 1Reading Day
 Monday, July 4.....Independence Day (No Classes)
 Tuesday, July 5..... Final Exams for First Half-Term Courses
 Wednesday, July 6Residence Halls Close 10:00 a.m. for Students in Only First Half-Term Courses
 Thursday, July 7Professors Report First Half-Term Grades
 Tuesday, July 12Grades Available on TheSIS

Second Half-Term Courses

Tuesday, July 5..... Registration for Second Half-Term Courses
 Wednesday, July 6First Day of Second Half-Term Classes
 Friday, July 8Last Day to Drop a Second Half-Term Course without Tuition Proration
 Last Day to Add Second Half-Term Course, Select S/U, Change Course to Audit

Last Day for VA Recipients to Add or Drop Second Half-Term Course
 Wednesday, July 13Last Day for Adjustment of Tuition
 Last Day to Drop Second Half-Term Course without a Grade*
 Wednesday, July 20Last Day to Drop Second Half-Term Course with Grade of “W”
 Thursday, July 28.....Last Day of Second Half-Term Classes
 Friday, July 29Reading Day
 Monday, August 1Final Exams for Second Half-Term Courses
 Tuesday, August 2...Residence Halls Close 10:00 a.m. for Students in Only Second Half-Term Courses
 Wednesday, August 3Professors Report Second Half-Term Grades
 Monday, August 8 Grades Available on TheSIS

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For the summer terms in all subsequent years, after 2011, the rules applied in summer 2011 will be applied using the correct aid years as determined by federal regulations.

Transfer Students for 2 scheduled Pell Awards beginning 2010-2011

- BSC will use the assumption method to determine acceleration toward the second Scheduled Pell Award.
- If student received 100% of the first Scheduled Pell Award at prior school(s), we will assume the student completed the first academic year. (Note: If the school defines their academic year higher than 24 hours the completed hours may be used in lieu of the percentage. For instance, if a school defines it academic year at 30 credit hours and 30 weeks and the school awards less than 100% of Pell because the student enrolled and completed 12 in summer and 12 in fall the student would be eligible for a 2nd scheduled Pell at our school because they completed 24 hours which is BSC’s definition of academic year)
- If student received less than 100% we will use the same ratio to BSC’s academic year as the % of the Scheduled Award that was received from the other school(s) and round up.
 - Example
 - Assume student completed the same ratio of the academic year as the % of Pell received
 - Prior school disbursed \$2,007 of \$5,350 Scheduled Award at that school.
 - BSC’s academic year is defined as 24 credit hours
 - $\$2,007 \times 24 / \$5,350 = 9$ credits assumed earned at prior school
 - Student is given 9 credits toward completion of the first academic year.

Special Circumstances for Academic Year Completion Requirement for Second Scheduled Award

- Can be waived
- The Financial Aid Director, Assistant Director, Awards Manager, or a Committee of Financial Aid Administrators determines that a student was unable to complete the hours of the first academic year due to “circumstances beyond the student’s control.”
 - May Include but are not limited to:

- Student withdrawing from classes due to a verifiable illness and demonstrates the severity of the illness directly affected the ability to accelerate the student's progression toward degree.
 - Student being unable to register for classes necessary to complete his or her eligible program because classes were not offered.
- Determination must be documented and made on a student by student basis
 - Student must submit a statement and supporting documentation which supports they were unable to accelerate their progression because of events beyond their control.
 - Documentation must be sufficient to demonstrate the events were beyond the students control
 - Documentation must include evidence the event was substantial enough to prevent the progression by the student
 - Documentation must be supported by professionals including faculty, counselors, physicians, ministers, or police reports and/or court documentation.
- Special circumstances beyond a student's control does not include:
 - Withdrawing to avoid a particular grade
 - Failing to register for necessary class that is offered during the term to avoid a particular instructor
 - Classes are full and student is unable to register