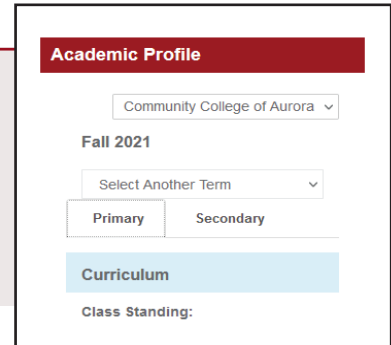


Financial Aid Will only Pay for Classes that Apply to Your Program

Make sure your program is correct in DegreeCheck (Degree Audit) so that you get your full financial aid award. CCA will use a process called Course Program of Study (CPOS) to see if your courses are eligible for Financial Aid.

How do I find my current program?

Log into MyCCA and click on the Student Page. Just below the Student Schedule is the Academic Profile section which will show your Primary and Secondary programs.



Academic Profile

Community College of Aurora

Fall 2021

Select Another Term

Primary Secondary

Curriculum

Class Standing:

How do I change my major?

If you are considering a major change you should meet with your advisor and officially update your program. You can also change your major by completing the Degree or Certificate Form from your MyCCA account, but we recommend that you talk with your Advisor first. Program changes received after the drop deadline for the current semester are processed for the following semester. You can find the drop deadline for the semester from the Important Dates link on the Academic Calendar.

Do I have to pay back anything if I change my major at the beginning of the semester before the drop deadline?

No. As long as you change your program or major by the drop deadline (which is usually in the first two weeks of the semester), you will not have to pay back your financial aid.

Do I have to pay anything back if I change my program after the drop deadline?

Maybe. If the classes you are taking this semester apply only to your new program, you may see a reduced financial aid award.

What if I have two majors?

As long as both programs are officially declared with the college, Financial Aid can pay for classes that apply to either program. If you are in a degree program, you are covered for the first 90 attempted credit hours. If you are pursuing one or two certificate programs, you will be covered for Financial Aid for up to 150% of the number of credit hours required for your longest certificate. Be aware that if you exceed 60 credit hours, you will have less Financial Aid eligibility at future institutions. If you have further questions, please see Financial Aid advisor.

Do I have to pay back anything for classes I have already completed if I change my major?

No

How will I know if I'm taking the right classes to meet Financial Aid requirements?

You will receive an email about classes not counting in your program within 2-3 days after completing registration. You can also see an alert in your MyCCA account. You should monitor your CCA email account and take action promptly.

Can I still take classes that Do Not count toward my program?

If you are receiving financial aid, you are welcome to take classes which are not required for your Program of Study. However, you will need to pay for those classes out-of-pocket or with excess financial aid.

What should I do if I'm taking a course that is Not Counted in my primary program and I think it should?

If you think a course should count, but it isn't showing that way, you should contact your academic advisor.

If notified either in MyCCA or by my advisor that my course will not apply towards my program, is there an appeal process?

Classes must be a part of your program to allow the awarding of financial aid, but if you believe a course is being excluded incorrectly, please see your advisor who can help you determine if the course should count or if a course substitution is appropriate.

I'm enrolled in 12 credit hours, but 4 of those hours Don't Count towards my officially declared primary program of study. How does that affect my Financial Aid?

Federal Financial aid will be disbursed based on the 8 credit hours that apply towards your officially declared primary program of study. The Federal Pell Grant award will be reduced from a full-time enrollment award to a half-time enrollment award. You may be eligible to receive Federal Loans because you are enrolled at least half-time status in eligible coursework. However, because your cost of attendance (COA) will also be reduced to half-time, your total aid may be reduced since it cannot exceed your COA. If you think a course should count, but it isn't, you should contact your academic advisor.



Will this impact elective classes?

It might. Electives must satisfy a requirement of your declared primary major. If you have been notified that an elective is not counting toward your Federal Financial Aid eligibility, contact your academic advisor.

I need to take some college preparatory classes in reading, math, and writing, and they are not on my program requirements. Will Financial Aid cover those?

College preparatory classes, such as CCR092 and classes with the ESL prefix, are eligible for financial aid funding up to a maximum of 30 attempted hours. As long as you are otherwise eligible for financial aid, the credits for the college preparatory classes will be considered as in-program and eligible for financial aid.

Can I repeat a course and still receive Financial Aid?

The course must count toward your program of study and meet the federal and institutional requirements for repeating a course.

What type of Financial Aid does this affect?

All Title IV federal student aid including Federal Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Grant (SEOG), Federal Direct Loans and Federal Work Study may be affected by CPoS. These types of aid will only pay for eligible classes that count towards your declared program(s) of study.

Does the number of credits covered by CPOS impact my In-School deferment?

No, as long as you are registered for at least 6 credit hours in a semester you are eligible for an in-school deferment.

Are scholarships affected by CPoS?

Private scholarships do not require that you enroll in classes in their program of study. Scholarship awards will not be based on classes counted in your major.

What is Course Program of Study (CPoS)?

Course Program of Study (CPoS) is a way for CCA to make sure you are taking classes that apply to your program and are eligible for Financial Aid.

How will I know if I'm affected by (CPoS)?

If you are in a class that is impacted by (CPOS), you will get an email in your CCA student email account and there will an alert posted in your CCA Financial Aid portal.

Why is CCA doing this?

The U.S. Department of Education requires that institutions ensure financial aid funds are used to pay for classes that apply to a student's program. Until recently, technology has not been available to provide an automated way to check each student's schedule each term. CCA now has that technology and will implement (CPoS) in Summer 2022.

As a Pathways Institution, this isn't just about financial aid, but rather to ensure our students are enrolled in the correct classes needed to graduate in order to progress towards program completion.

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