

Wright State University is required by Federal Law (34 C.F.R 668.21 (c)) to review the enrollment activity of its Federal aid recipients (Title IV Aid). A student is considered to be a Title IV financial aid recipient if he/she has received any of the following federal awards: Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Direct Stafford Loans, and Federal PLUS loans (parent and graduate PLUS loans).

Students must initiate attendance and/or complete an academic-related action for each course in which they are enrolled, each term in order to establish and maintain eligibility for Title IV financial aid. It is the student's responsibility to initiate attendance and/or complete an academic related-action for each class, each semester in order to be eligible for Federal Title IV financial assistance. It is the responsibility of the institution to report whether or not a student has initiated attendance or has taken academic actions within each course that he/she may be enrolled.

The University's recent Program Review by the U.S. Department of Education uncovered that we do not currently have a good process to meet the requirements to affirm that a student has initiated an academic action in each course in which he/she is enrolled.

The following are recommendations to ensure compliance with Title IV requirements:

1. Implement a grade of NA (No Academic Action or Never Attended). This grade will be distinguished from the X grade by establishing that a student did not initiate the required attendance or academic action in a course. The X grade will remain a grade indicating that a student initiated attendance or academic action but stopped attending or completing the required academic actions at some point prior to the end of the term. A grade of NA should carry 0 points per credit hour, consistent with both the F and X grades.
2. Implement a grade of NU (No Academic Action or Never Attended for P/U courses). Similar to the grade of NA, the NU grade will signify that a student to not initiate the required academic action or attendance in a course. The grade of NU will not be used in the calculation of a student's grade point average.

The Office of Financial Aid will use the grades listed below during the Return to Title IV (R2T4) Process when students withdraw from all coursework during any part of a term:

For letter-graded classes:

NR – calculated like an F, student did not attend or initiate an academic action

X – calculated like an F, student initiated attendance or academic action but unofficially dropped out of the course prior to the end of the semester

For P/U classes:

NU – like a U, student did not attend or initiate an academic action

XU – like a U, student initiated attendance or academic action but unofficially dropped out of the course prior to the end of the semester

The Office of Financial Aid is required to complete the R2T4 process for unofficial withdraws and for students who do not earn a credit-bearing grade (A, B, C, D, F (earned one), S, U, M, etc.). The NR/NU and X/XU grades will enable the Office of Financial Aid to maintain compliance with the Federal Regulations that require that we report whether or not a student initiated attendance or academic action within a class (and determine if there is an impact on the student's Federal aid eligibility).