



System Procedure 5.12.5 Payment Plans

Part 1. Purpose

To present a clear and concise framework of payment plan options available to students.

Part 2. Payment in Full

In accordance with System Procedure 5.12.3, all students must pay in full no later than the college's or university's tuition and fee payment due date unless they have entered into an approved tuition and fee payment plan. Students are required to pay or initiate a payment plan for any balance due that will not be covered by financial aid or waivers. A payment plan may be the student's primary method of payment, or it may supplement other forms of payment such as financial aid, tuition waiver, and/or third-party award.

The sum of all payments must equal the total amount due. A late fee shall be charged for all payments not received by the due dates in accordance with Board Policy 5.11. Failure to make required payments on a timely basis will subject a student to a registration hold.

Subpart A. Registration holds

Payment plans that are not current will subject a student to system registration hold criteria for the next term in accordance with System Procedure 7.6.2, unless the delinquent plan is paid in full prior to registration.

This registration hold requirement applies if the student is in an active payment plan but fails to make the final scheduled payment by the due date. The hold could result in the cancellation of any new term class registrations.

Subpart B. Partial payments outside of formal payment plans

A student who has made a partial payment by the tuition and fee due date directly to the college or university in an amount equal to or greater than the minimum down payment requirements will be placed on or be required to initiate a payment plan in accordance with this procedure.

Part 3. Payment Plan Options

A student will be offered payment plan options supported by and interfaced with Minnesota State Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP System). Students will be charged a payment plan fee in accordance with Board Policy 5.11.

Subpart A. Fall, spring and other terms at least 12 weeks in length

Student options must include a plan consisting of two to five payments based on the student's date of enrollment in the payment plan. Generally, payments are four weeks apart with the first payment due no later than the established tuition and fee due date. The final payment of the student's remaining tuition and fees balance is due no later than the last business day of the thirteenth week of the term or the last week of the term if earlier.

Subpart B. Summer and other short terms less than 12 weeks in length

Student options will vary based on the student's date of enrollment in the payment plan. Generally, payments are four weeks apart with the first payment due no later than the established tuition and fee due date. The final payment of the student's remaining tuition and fees balance is due no later than the last business day of the term or earlier.

Subpart C. Past due payment plans

Colleges and universities may provide a payment plan for a student with a past due balance from prior academic terms. If the student enrolls in a payment plan for past due balance, the president or designee may approve the temporary lifting of a registration hold to allow the student to register for the current term. If such an exception is granted, the college or university shall document the reasons for granting the temporary lift of the registration hold.

Procedure History:

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Date and Subject of Amendments:

05/05/25 – Amendments consist of technical edits and the application of new formatting and writing standards. Refined language around the number of payments in a payment plan; eliminated Part 3, Subpart C which defined payment plans for terms less than 5 weeks in length.

8/16/16 - Amended Part 1 to be a Purpose statement. Deleted Part 2, Subpart A and clarified language in the Payment in Full and Registration Holds sections. Amended Part 3, to include all "Payment Plan Options". Amended the minimum expectations for options provided to students. Added a "Past due payment plan" option for colleges and universities and clarifying decision making authority regarding temporarily lifting a registration hold. Deleted Part 4. Additional changes for format consistency and clarity.

Additional HISTORY