

## **S.R. 3 (2024)**

Announcement on Financial Aid Updates

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ADDRESSED TO:

The student body of Santa Clara University



## Associated Student Government Open Letter on Financial Aid Policy Changes

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Students of Santa Clara University,

Santa Clara University is now enforcing an existing financial aid policy. Previously, students were required to take twelve (12) units every quarter to remain qualified for financial aid. Now, **students must take twelve (12) units toward their degree every quarter to qualify for financial aid.** Under this policy enforcement, only classes toward a major, minor, core, or pathway count for financial aid.

What does this mean for you?

For students who have **already reached** 175 units—seniors, double-majors, students with multiple majors and minors—**plan your classes accordingly to make sure twelve (12) units per quarter are going towards your degree.** Double-dipping to take a light load or taking non-degree relevant classes for fun during your senior year could result in you **losing all or a portion of your financial aid (need-based and merit-based).**

For students with **less** than 175 units (the number of units required for graduation), this is not an issue for you right now. **Speak to your counselor if you believe your 4-year plan may be affected, especially if you are aiming to add non-degree classes later on down the road.**

This policy has been in place for years, but only now with the introduction of Workday has the university been able to enforce it. Since the university has not made any announcement on this—and since the **drop deadline for the Winter 2024 quarter is on Friday, February 2**—your Associated Student Government is letting you know in their stead.

**Work with your financial aid advisor. Work with your counselor. They are here to help.**

If you are concerned, so are we. If you feel slighted, so do we. We don't have the answers, but as your student body representatives, we will continue to advocate for transparency. If you want to share your story, please reach out to us.

Speaking for the entirety of the Associated Student Government,



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