

COVID-19 Financial Aid Policies

New York State COVID-19 Waivers

New York State (NYS) defined impacted students as those who are (a) unable to complete courses for the term or (b) earn fewer credits or a lower grade than required by award programs due to COVID-19, regardless of where or how, including:

- Students enrolled in or who were supposed to begin travel-abroad experiences and were either called back to the US or were not able to begin
- Students who met full-time requirements, but because of COVID-19, have fallen below the credit requirements
- Students who have come in contact or become sick with the virus and could not complete a class
- Students impacted by emergency closures or temporary campus closures in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19
- Students impacted by other related emergency events to prevent the spread of COVID-19

For students, that meet the above criteria, NYS has allowed colleges that have collected documentation (in Berkeley College's case we have been using the same attestations collected for the federal waivers), to certify students as COVID impacted. These students will be forgiven:

If for Winter 2020 – the Winter payment and [SAP/POP](#) for their next payment

If for Spring 2020 – the Spring payment and [SAP/POP](#) for their next payment

If for Fall 2020 – the Fall payment and [SAP/POP](#) for their next payment

As of this November 1, 2020 the above policy is based on guidance provided by New York State Higher Education Services Corporation. However, it is important to note that the New York State Governor's Office has not yet officially approved it. Berkeley College is proceeding based on the guidance.

Original policy dated Fall 2020