



ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES WHEN CHANGING THE DEGREE PROGRAMME / WITHDRAWING FROM STUDIES

Students' decision to enrol in a new degree programme or in a degree programme other than the one they are currently attending affects the calculation of students' merit and may have possible economic consequences connected with:

1. **Granting of scholarships**
2. **Calculation of university fees**
3. **Canteens and ESU accommodation**

1. Granting of scholarships

Two situations may occur:

- *you have been issued a scholarship during previous academic years or previous studies:*
 - changing the degree programme: you can apply for a scholarship even in subsequent years, but only if you meet the minimum number of recognised ECTS credits for the new degree programme, as per call for applications. The minimum number of ECTS credits is calculated considering the number of attended years, starting from the one of your first enrollment;
 - withdrawing from studies: the number of years you attended during your previous studies and during which you benefited from a scholarship will be considered for calculation in order to grant the new scholarship. If during your new career you wish to apply for a scholarship as a student enrolled in the first year, you must voluntarily withdraw from the whole scholarship you were granted during your previous studies. You must also pay it back before applying for the new scholarship and anyhow not later than 1st October of the academic year for which you are applying for the new scholarship.
This means that you are required to pay back the scholarship instalments you were issued in cash, as well as any amount received for services you actually used (canteens and accommodation) and the university fees due according to your equivalent economic status indicator (ISEE), as per the existing administrative provisions adopted by the University.
Any ECTS credits recognised from your previous studies are not considered for calculation of merit and the issuance of a scholarship.
- *you have NOT been issued a scholarship during previous academic years or previous studies:*
 - changing the degree programme: you can apply for a scholarship even in subsequent years, but only if you meet the minimum number of recognised ECTS credits for the new degree programme, as per call for applications. The minimum number of ECTS credits is calculated considering the number of attended years, starting from the one of your first enrollment;
 - withdrawing from studies: neither your previous studies nor the ECTS credits that may have been recognised are considered for the calculation of merit and the issuance of the scholarship.

For further information:

Student Service Office, Via del Portello 31 – 35129 Padova, benefici.studenti@unipd.it

2. Calculation of university fees

- changing the degree programme: the calculation considers the years of attendance starting from the one of your first enrolment. If your previous studies are partly recognised or not recognised at all, during subsequent years you may be put at a disadvantage for the calculation of university fees according to your study performance and the number of years of enrolment. As for calculation of surcharge for students enrolled in years beyond the regular



completion time of the degree programme, years are calculated starting from the one of your first enrolment; years of attendance at your previous degree programme are, therefore, included in the calculation;

- withdrawing from studies: your previous studies are not considered: as for merit calculation, the ECTS credits that may have been recognised will NOT be considered, while as for university fees, the calculation does not consider the years prior to your withdrawal.

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3. Canteens and ESU accommodation

- changing the degree programme: the merit calculation considers the years of attendance starting from the one of your first enrolment. If your previous studies are partly recognised or not recognised at all, you may be put at a disadvantage for the calculation of Esu canteens price during subsequent years. Such calculation considers your merit and the number of years of enrolment, in accordance with the eligibility criteria for scholarship;
- withdrawing from studies: your previous studies are not considered in calculating ESU fares; as for merit calculation, the ECTS credits that may have been recognised will NOT be considered, while as for ESU services the calculation does not consider the years prior to your withdrawal.

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ESU, Via San Francesco 122 – 35121 Padova, dirittoallostudio@esu.pd.it

Reimbursements and repayments in case of withdrawal:

If you withdraw from studies, you are not entitled to any reimbursement of the university fees you have already paid. However, you are not required to pay the remaining instalments.

If you withdraw from studies before 31st July of the current academic year and you were entitled to a scholarship, you are required to pay back what you have been issued in cash and the amount equivalent to the services you benefited from (canteens and accommodation).

If you wish to apply for a scholarship again during your future studies in a degree programme equivalent to the one you have withdrawn from, you must also pay the university fees according to the existing administrative provisions adopted by the University.