

**EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
INDEPENDENT LEARNING  
FINANCIAL AID CONTRACT**

Financial aid may be available for Independent Learning (IL) coursework to those students pursuing a bachelor's or professional degree. However, special regulations are required of qualified aid recipients. These policies apply to paper-based IL courses, including courses with section number extensions of 70-74.

**REQUIRED NOTIFICATIONS**

Interested students must notify the IL Office, (509) 359-2268, and the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office, (509) 359-2314, prior to the 10th day of the quarter and sign this contract to have IL courses considered for financial aid eligibility. Courses registered for after the 10th day will NOT be considered for financial aid eligibility and are at the student's own expense.

**TUITION CHARGES**

IL courses are classified as "self-support." As such, tuition for IL courses is assessed in addition to tuition for regular EWU courses.

**ENROLLMENT STATUS**

Federal and state regulations require paper-based IL courses be calculated differently than regular EWU credits for financial aid eligibility. Refer to the Financial Aid Enrollment Status Calculations chart to determine your enrollment status.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Students enrolled solely in paper-based IL courses are considered to be attending half-time and are only eligible to receive financial aid for tuition, fees, books and supplies. Room, board, miscellaneous or transportation costs are not funded effective fall 2004. Such students will only be considered for Pell Grants, SEOG at the half-time amounts and Stafford Loans, if eligible.

Students enrolled in a combination of IL and regular EWU courses may be eligible for full-time aid for all eligible aid sources. Such students will receive a standard EWU budget covering tuition, fees, books, supplies, room, board, miscellaneous and transportation costs. Budgets will not be increased to account for the increased IL course costs.

**DISBURSEMENT**

Financial aid based on IL courses must be manually processed. Complete course contracts may take up to one week to process from date of receipt. Financial aid may be delayed.

**DEADLINE FOR COURSE COMPLETION**

For students utilizing IL courses to qualify for financial aid, all assignments and exams must be submitted and complete at the quarter end in which aid is received. If grade posting is delayed for any reason, it may result in a delay in future aid.

**INCOMPLETE OR WITHDRAWAL**

Students who withdraw from all regular EWU courses and enroll solely in IL courses after the 10th day of the term will be treated as a complete withdrawal and fall under the Return of Title IV and EWU’s Refund Policies. Students in this situation may owe money back for aid disbursed. Additionally, aid not yet disbursed may be reduced or canceled.

Students who do not complete their IL course(s) within the quarter they received aid and do not complete any regular EWU courses, will be subject to Return of Title IV aid. The return of aid will be based on the last date an IL assignment was turned in or the mid-point of the quarter, whichever is later. In the event no assignments were submitted for students enrolled solely in IL courses, all aid will be returned to the appropriate programs, and the student will owe EWU for any funds disbursed plus tuition expenses.

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that I have read and understand the information above and the IL courses in which I am enrolled apply to my degree. I understand that if these courses are not completed before the last two weeks of the quarter for which aid was received, my future financial aid eligibility may be suspended and I may owe a repayment of the aid I received. I agree to pay all tuition and fees that exceed my financial aid award.

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Student Name (please print) EWU ID #

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Student Signature Address

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E-mail Address Telephone Date

Quarter (circle one): Fall Winter Spring Summer

Anticipated Credits: Regular \_\_\_\_\_ IL \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS CONTRACT TO:**

EWU Financial Aid and Scholarship Office  
102 Sutton Hall  
Cheney, WA 99004-2447

<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>			
Regular Credits _____	IL Credits _____	Status _____	(F/T; ¾/T; H/T; LTHT)
SPACMNT _____	RRAAREQ _____	Staff initials _____	Date _____

STUDENT: KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

Regular Credits	Correspondence Credits	Enrollment Status for Financial Aid
1	1	Less than ½ time
2	1	Less than ½ time
3	1	Less than ½ time
4	1	Less than ½ time
5	1	½ time
6	1	½ time
7	1	½ time
8	1	¾ time
9	1	¾ time
10	1	¾ time
11	1	Full time
12+	1	Full time

Regular Credits	Correspondence Credits	Enrollment Status for Financial Aid
1	4	Less than ½ time
2	4	Less than ½ time
3	4	½ time
4	4	½ time
5	4	¾ time
6	4	¾ time
7	4	¾ time
8	4	Full time
9	4	Full time
10	4	Full time
11	4	Full time
12	4	Full time

1	2	Less than ½ time
2	2	Less than ½ time
3	2	Less than ½ time
4	2	½ time
5	2	½ time
6	2	½ time
7	2	¾ time
8	2	¾ time
9	2	¾ time
10	2	Full time
11	2	Full time
12+	2	Full time

1	5	Less than ½ time
2	5	Less than ½ time
3	5	½ time
4	5	½ time
5	5	¾ time
6	5	¾ time
7	5	Full time
8	5	Full time
9	5	Full time
10	5	Full time
11	5	Full time
12	5	Full time

1	3	Less than ½ time
2	3	Less than ½ time
3	3	½ time
4	3	½ time
5	3	½ time
6	3	¾ time
7	3	¾ time
8	3	¾ time
9	3	Full time
10	3	Full time
11	3	Full time
12	3	Full time

1	6-12+	½ time
2	6-12+	½ time
3	6-12+	½ time
4	6-12+	½ time
5	6-12+	¾ time
6	6-12+	Full time
7	6-12+	Full time
8	6-12+	Full time
9	6-12+	Full time
10	6-12+	Full time
11	6-12+	Full time
12	6-12+	Full time