

## Financial Aid Requirements

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For MATS Students utilizing financial aid to finance their education:

Please note: MATS students who are receiving financial aid **must** maintain continuous enrollment in consecutive courses. Continuous enrollment is defined as the satisfactory completion of at least one course each 8-week term.

Students in the MATS program are enrolled in a non-traditional educational program. An academic year is NOT defined in semesters as in traditional programs, rather it is defined as the satisfactory completion of at least 18 credits in at least 30 weeks of instruction. If you utilize financial aid to fund your education, your financial aid will be disbursed in two equal payments. The first disbursement of financial aid occurs, if possible, at the end of the first week of the first course; the second disbursement after successful completion of at least 9 credits in at least 15 weeks of instruction. Confirmation of attendance in current courses must be verified prior to the initial disbursement of funds federal funds. Prior to the second disbursement release, the Financial Aid Office must receive confirmation of satisfactory completion of each course.

The main educational delivery system for a MATS student is by taking on-line courses. If a MATS student wishes to supplement his/her education by taking a traditional, 15-week, semester long course, he/she may do so, however the student may only register for one residential course per half of his/her defined academic year (see definition above). Should a student desire to take a residential course in addition to his/her online courses, he/she is strongly encouraged to discuss the possible ramifications of this decision with the financial aid office.