

## **Why is SPSU changing the registration system?**

Most institutions around the country follow a similar pattern of phased registration. Our system of opening registration and allowing it to remain open for months is inefficient and creates a distinct and permanent disadvantage for students who have later registration times.

Many times, students would register and tie up classes for months, and then decide to not attend just before the last day to pay. They'd drop the classes, but it would be too late for anyone else to add them. The result would be classes with room in them that no one could register for.

The new system will still allow students who have early times to register and secure their schedule. But it will remove schedules of students who do not pay, thus allowing students who need those classes an opportunity to get them before the end of registration.

In addition to being fairer to all students, the new system is much more efficient in terms of filling classes, predicting need, and budgeting.

For additional information about why we are doing this, visit this link:  
<http://www.spsu.edu/registrar/information%20about%20phased%20registration.pdf>

## **Some of my classes won't meet until after the final fee payment deadline. How can I be sure I want a class if I can't attend it before the end of drop/add?**

The purpose of the drop/add period that encompasses the first four days of class is to allow for adjustments to schedules so that students can resolve timing problems. The common practice of course shopping is a by-product that is considered acceptable, but not encouraged nor supported by the university.

## **I am not going to have the money by the fee payment deadline. What can I do to keep my schedule?**

Nothing would give us more pleasure than to be able to tell you, "No problem, we'll hold your classes", but we can't. If we hold your classes and you are never able to pay, we will have made it impossible for someone else to register for the classes you are holding on to. That isn't fair to them.

The good news is that you will still be eligible to register during each of the three phases of registration. We encourage you to apply for financial aid. Almost any student is eligible for loans at the least. You can use the loans to secure your schedule, and then pay them back when you have the money. If your academic situation is such that you can't qualify for aid, you should reduce your course load to bring up your gpa, then re-apply for aid.

The university system of Georgia has a regulation that we are required to follow that requires fee payment upon registration. So please plan accordingly.

**What if I have financial aid? I don't usually see any aid applied to my account until after classes have started. If I have aid, will my schedule be kept?**

Yes, having financial aid is the same thing as paying. Even if the payment is not posted to your account, you are considered paid if your award is made and you have accepted it. Problems with aid usually occur when a student does not follow up on his or her application and does not provide some document or attend to some detail that is needed to complete the aid package. The pledge we make is that if you do what you're supposed to do, we will treat you as a paid customer. The reciprocal of that, of course, is that if you don't do what you're supposed to do, we treat you as an unpaid customer and drop your schedule.