

# Withdrawal from the UC Natural Reserve System (NRS) California Ecology & Conservation Program

## Withdrawal Procedures

### Notify UCEAP and the Systemwide NRS Office in writing if you withdraw

Withdrawal at any time requires a written notification to UCEAP and the Systemwide NRS Office. Financial penalties and fees may be significant, so consider the decision carefully. Decide before you go that you will give the program a chance; that you will not immediately withdraw at the first obstacle.

**To withdraw before departure:** Notify the NRS ([CAecology@ucnrs.org](mailto:CAecology@ucnrs.org)) and UCEAP Program Specialist in writing.

**To withdraw while abroad:** File a [Petition to Withdraw](#) with the Program instructors and forward to the UCEAP Academic Specialist at the Systemwide Office.

### Withdrawal before departure

A pre-departure withdrawal is any withdrawal before the official start date of the program as indicated in the NRS program calendar.

Before the withdrawal deadline, as specified in the Program Withdrawal Dates and Withdrawal Fees section of the Student Agreement, no NRS/UCEAP financial liability is incurred. However, there may be other non-recoverable costs that you may be assessed before the withdrawal deadline. Consult your budget worksheet to discover the dates at which fees may become payable. These will be assessed to your UCEAP student account if appropriate.

If you withdraw or become disqualified to participate in UCEAP after the withdrawal deadline, regardless of the reason for withdrawal, you are subject to a \$500 minimum fee, program fees, and unrecoverable costs determined by NRS/UCEAP.

### Withdrawal after departure

A post-departure withdrawal is any withdrawal after the official start date of the program as indicated in the NRS program calendar. Post-departure withdrawal is a serious matter with the potential for academic, financial, and personal consequences. The process for leaving the program after the start date is much more formal.

The NRS/UCEAP Student Agreement is binding for the full duration of the program and carries with it legal and financial obligations. Release from any of these obligations depends upon the circumstances of the withdrawal. You are expected to attend the full duration of the program, whether that is a summer, semester, or quarter.

Requests to shorten participation in NRS California Ecology & Conservation Program will be treated as withdrawals. Early withdrawal from a term ordinarily cancels all academic credit.

### Instructions to Withdraw

Consult the Faculty Leader(s) for advice and for assistance in completing the necessary procedures. If you are receiving financial aid, contact your UC campus Financial Aid Office to determine the consequences of your withdrawal on your financial aid package for the academic year. Contact your [UCEAP Finance Accountant](#) to see how the withdrawal will affect your finances for the program (i.e., withdrawal fees and revisions to your UCEAP Fees).

File a [Petition to Withdraw](#) with the Faculty Leader(s) who will forward it to the UCEAP Systemwide Office for further processing. Failure to submit the Petition to Withdraw can jeopardize registration privileges for future terms at UC.

The Petition to Withdraw serves the following functions:

- **Official Notice of Withdrawal:** It serves as official notice that you have left or are leaving the program and terminates the Program's responsibility for you.
- **Course Disposition:** The petition indicates the disposition of your coursework. Withdrawal from the program while courses are in progress may carry serious academic consequences. Depending on the timing and circumstances of the withdrawal, courses in progress may remain on your record with a notation of "W" (withdrawn) or, in certain cases, a grade of F if deemed appropriate by the instructor of record. If you leave the program without authorization before the end of the term, you may be administratively dismissed from NRS/UCEAP and may receive an F in each course in which you were enrolled.
- **Effective Date of Withdrawal:** The petition establishes the effective date of withdrawal, which in many cases determines the financial impact. The effective date of withdrawal is based on whichever is later: 1) the day you notify UCEAP that you are withdrawing or 2) the last date of your documented participation in an academic activity (e.g., attended class; took an exam; submitted a paper; participated in a scheduled class discussion; or attended a program-organized orientation or counseling meeting).
- **Readmission to UC:** The petition provides valuable context for the UC campus dean who makes the final decision about any conditions of readmission to UC for subsequent term(s). The Petition to Withdraw from NRS/UCEAP must include your statement of the reasons for withdrawal and a statement from the Faculty Leader(s). The UC dean or provost may consider these statements in determining any conditions of readmission.

UC Registrars' handling of withdrawals and the procedures for continued enrollment will depend on your campus. The UC dean or provost receives the Petition to Withdraw and determines the conditions of return.

Contact the UCEAP Academic Specialist for information about the policies and procedures for readmission and the possible impact of withdrawal on your UC academic program.

### Administrative withdrawal

Administrative withdrawal is an action taken either by the NRS Systemwide Office or the UCEAP Systemwide Office. A student can be administratively withdrawn from the program before or after departure. The Financial Obligation section below applies to students who voluntarily withdraw or are administratively withdrawn. You may be administratively withdrawn if you:

- Fail to complete academic requirements allowing your placement or continued participation in the program (e.g., meeting GPA, language, or other program requirements).
- Do not follow NRS/UCEAP procedures.
- Fail to meet administrative requirements (e.g., submitting required documents, meeting deadlines, etc.).
- Violate NRS/UCEAP policies (e.g., academic and personal conduct, safety, travel, etc.). See the [Quarter](#) and [Semester](#) Policy tabs for all policies.

## Financial Obligations

### UCEAP account and financial aid adjustments

Once you withdraw, or are administratively withdrawn, your UCEAP account will be adjusted to reflect prorated fees and unrecoverable expenses. Once your student account and financial aid package, if applicable, have been revised, a billing notification (for debit balances) or a disbursement notification (for credit balances), will be sent to you by email.

If you are a financial aid student, a revised budget will be sent to your campus Financial Aid Office, which may result in a reduction of the amount of your original financial aid package. Due to this revision in the financial aid package, you may be required to reimburse money already

advanced. You are responsible for any UCEAP program fees and financial disbursements already received that are not covered by the revised financial aid package.

Scholarships and other financial aid are retroactively reduced if you withdraw or become disqualified. If these adjustments result in a balance due to UCEAP, you will receive an email notice. If payment is not received within 30 days, you will be blocked on your home UC campus until the balance is paid.

### UC fee categories and refund terms

If your UCEAP student account is revised based on withdrawal, you may receive refunds or credits to your account according to the type of fee or expense. Fee categories and refund terms are as follows:

- UC student services and tuition fees and NRS/UCEAP summer program fees (where applicable) are refunded according to UC Policy. Access the [Payment of Tuition and Fees and Refund Procedures](#), and locate the refund schedule that is applicable to you. Schedule B is for quarter or semester; Schedule Y is for summer programs.
- UCEAP Administrative fees will not be refunded.
- Campus fees are charged by NRS term and are not refunded after the start of the term.
- Housing fees charged by UCEAP (where applicable) may be refundable; this is determined by NRS and UCEAP.
- Student activities fees and other fees specific to your program are generally non-refundable unless costs can be recovered by NRS.

### Estimated personal expenses

If you withdraw, you may have incurred personal expenses, referred to as Estimated Personal Expenses in the UCEAP Program Budget. You are personally responsible for these costs; bear in mind that housing providers, and other non-NRS/UCEAP entities may have cancellation penalties for fees paid directly to them.

**Financial aid students:** The impact on financial aid will depend on the type of expense and the date of withdrawal. Based on the effective date of withdrawal, the UCEAP Program Budget will be revised and sent to your UC campus Financial Aid Office. Based on this revised budget, your financial aid package may also be revised, as follows:

- For all expenses charged to you by UCEAP, you will receive a credit on your UCEAP student account for any refundable cost, as described in the previous *UC fee categories and refund terms* section in this chapter.
- The Estimated Personal Expenses category of the UCEAP Program Budget will be recalculated. For purposes of financial aid, you will receive full credit for pre-departure expenses as estimated in the original Program Budget. However, all other Estimated Personal Expenses will be recalculated based on the actual amount of time spent enrolled in NRS/UCEAP.
- Based on any credits to your UCEAP student account, revisions to Estimated Personal Expenses, and Title IV regulations as interpreted by your UC campus Financial Aid Office, your financial aid may be reduced. Your Financial Aid Office—not UCEAP—makes this determination. If you have questions regarding the revision to your financial aid, please contact your UC campus Financial Aid Office.