

Quick Facts: **Subterms and Financial Aid**

What are subterms?

Michigan State University assigns every class to a subterm, which designates the start and end date of the course. Most courses are assigned to Subterm 01, which means they begin the first official week of the semester and end during the last week. Subterm 01 is a standard semester.

Other, shorter courses may be assigned to different subterms. There are hundreds of subterms defined for each semester, and each may have a different beginning and ending date.

Enrollment in subterms, especially during summer, may affect the amount of your financial aid and the timing of the disbursement and refund.

What are the consequences of enrolling in a non-standard subterm?

- The length of your semester enrollment determines the room and board portion of your financial aid budget. If your course choices result in a shorter period of enrollment, your aid might have to be reduced. Enrollment is monitored throughout the semester, especially during the summer.
- If you are enrolling in several shorter classes that add up to more than 7.5 total weeks of attendance in the summer, and you want additional aid for living expenses, you must contact the Office of Financial Aid to request additional funding.
- Your aid may not be disbursed until 10 days prior to the starting date of your earliest starting class. This means, for instance, that if you are attending only during the second summer subterm, your disbursement will not occur until 10 days prior to the start of that subterm.

If you have questions about the effect of your enrollments on your financial aid amounts or disbursement dates, please contact the Office of Financial Aid.