As a graduate student, what happens if I withdraw from all my classes during the Spring semester?

Before the semester starts through 1/25/16 (Last date for 100% refund from Student Accounts Office):
- Your entire bill is cancelled by Student Accounts.
- Your entire financial aid award is cancelled by the Financial Aid Office.
- You do not have any obligation to MSU for the Spring term.

Between 1/26/16 – 2/22/16:
- Your tuition charges will be reduced (see Montclair refund policy at http://www.montclair.edu/registrar/withdrawal-refund-policy/).
- The Federal Calculation formula is required based on your official withdrawal date. This calculation will determine how much of your federal aid (Stafford and/or GRADPLUS loans) must be returned to the government.
- You will be notified that your charges and financial aid awards have changed; check your email and WESS for the updates.

In many cases, you will owe more money to the University.

Between 2/23/16 – 4/1/16:
- Your billed charges do not change.
- The Federal Calculation formula is required based on your official withdrawal date. This calculation will determine how much your federal aid (Stafford and/or GRADPLUS loans) will be reduced and returned to the government.
- You will be notified that your financial aid awards have changed; check your email and WESS for the updates.

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On or after 4/2/16:
- Your billed charges do not change.
- Federal Calculations formula is not required.
- Your obligation to MSU does not change.

Official Withdrawal/Leave of Absence – Spring Semester

Official Withdrawal is when you withdraw from all of your classes via WESS.
- To officially withdraw from your graduate program, you must submit a Withdrawal Form. Please contact The Graduate School.
- To request a leave of absence, you must submit a Leave of Absence Form. Please contact The Graduate School.
- Submitting either form will NOT withdraw you from any registered classes. It is your responsibility to officially withdraw via WESS from all registered classes.

Unofficial Withdrawals

Unofficial Withdrawals: This happens when you end the semester earning “0” credits as determined by any combination of “F’s” and/or “WD’s” for all courses. If you are receiving federal financial aid (Stafford Loans and/or GRADPLUS Loans), the Federal calculation will apply and the University is required to return 50% of the total federal aid. It should be noted that NO adjustment to the bill will occur and, in most cases, you will owe an additional amount to the University.