

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Finding Number	FA 13-
CFDA Number	84.063, 84.268
Program Title	Student Financial Assistance Cluster (SFA) Federal Pell Grant Program (Pell) Federal Direct Student Loan Program (FDSL)
Compliance Requirement	Special Tests and Provisions – Return of Title IV Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) Funds – Nonattendance
State Educational Entity	University of Central Florida (UCF)
Finding Type	Noncompliance Questioned Costs - \$14,708.20 (\$3,279.20 Pell; \$4,042 FDSL subsidized; and \$7,387 FDSL unsubsidized)
Finding	The institution did not always document attendance in at least one class for students who received Title IV HEOA funds and return applicable Title IV HEOA funds to the Federal programs.
Criteria	34 CFR 668.21, <i>Treatment of Title IV Grant and Loan Funds if the Recipient does not Begin Attendance at the Institution.</i>
Condition	For 14 of 25 students tested that received Title IV HEOA funds during the Fall 2012 and Spring 2013 terms, the institution did not document attendance in at least one class. Absent documentation evidencing that the students attended at least one class, the students were not eligible for Title IV HEOA funds. Subsequent to audit inquiry, the institution was able to obtain documentation supporting at least one day's attendance for 29 of 42 total classes for these 14 students, resulting in 13 classes having no support of the students ever attending. Regarding these 13 classes for 7 students, the University recalculated the students' SFA award amounts, which resulted in a total of \$14,708.20 payments being submitted back to the respective Federal programs (\$3,279.20 Pell; \$4,042 FDSL subsidized; and \$7,387 FDSL unsubsidized).
Cause	Due to a change in procedures, the instructors can no longer input into the grade roster whether a student attended one class when receiving a W grade.
Effect	The institution retained unearned Title IV HEOA funds that should have been returned to the applicable Federal programs.
Recommendation	The institution should enhance its procedures for documenting whether a student attended at least one class when they receive a W grade. Additionally, they should review all students in the 2012-13 award year with a W grade to determine whether they attended at least one class and return any additional Title IV HEOA funds, as appropriate, to the applicable Federal programs.
UCF Response and Corrective Action Plan	
Estimated Corrective Action Date	
UCF Contact and Telephone Number	