



**Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds received through the American Rescue Plan
Student Debt Discharge
Frequently Asked Questions
August 18, 2022**

Who is eligible to have an outstanding balance discharged?

A student must meet at least one required part or subpart of each of the following criteria: enrollment period, student status, degree-seeking, and unpaid balance.

What is the enrollment period?

Enrollment period is defined as enrollment in at least one of the following terms: Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Summer 2021, or Fall 2021. The enrollment period applies only to enrollment at Albizu at any time between March 13, 2020, and December 31, 2021.

How do you define student status?

Student Status is defined as a student who was:

1. Enrolled in at least one of the terms under the enrollment period, or
2. Took a leave of absence in at least one of the terms under the enrollment period, or
3. Took a transitional license (also known as affiliation fee) in at least one of the terms under the enrollment period, or
4. Withdrew from enrollment on or after March 13, 2020, or
5. Reenrolled after withdrawing in at least one of the terms under the enrollment period,
or
6. Did not resume enrollment after withdrawal.

What is degree-seeking student criteria?

As stated above, to be considered an Eligible Student, students must also have been or are enrolled at Albizu as a Degree Seeking Student.

1. Degree Seeking Student for this purpose is defined to include students who were enrolled in (1) a complete degree program of study, (2) the ESOL program, (3) enrolled in pre-requisite courses as a requirement to pursue a degree at Albizu University, and (4) Albizu graduates from the San Juan Campus or the Mayagüez University Center who graduated before the accreditation of the Master in Speech Language Pathology program by ASHA and who later enrolled at Albizu to complete courses under the accredited program.



2. Degree Seeking Student does not include any students who were not concurrently enrolled in a degree program at Albizu while taking any course(s) at Albizu. Specifically excluded are students who were enrolled under the following categories: (1) a single course or (2) on a course-by-course basis.

What can be considered an unpaid balance?

1. "Student Debt" is defined as an obligation and/or debt registered with the University within the current period.
2. "Unpaid Balance" is defined as an obligation not fulfilled during the past period and/or accumulation of Student Debt over several periods.
3. The Unpaid Balance is the amount reflected as unpaid and owed directly to Albizu, as reflected on the student's ledger card as of August 10, 2022, and that corresponds only to the enrollment period as described above.
4. "Owed directly to Albizu" is specifically defined as a sum owed by the student to Albizu and is reflected as owed to Albizu on the student's ledger in the Albizu financial office.
5. The payoff of the Unpaid Balance of any eligible student shall not result in a credit balance.
6. Balances or debts owed to any other entities, or third parties are not included as part of the Unpaid Balances being discharged and will not be paid by Albizu. This includes but is not limited to the following third-party financial obligations: (1) government financial aid programs and (2) private financial aid programs.

What is the applicable debt period?

A debt that resulted in a balance documented on the student's ledger and remained classified as unpaid as of August 10, 2022, or at the time the discharges are finalized that corresponds only to the Enrollment Period as described above.

When will I be able to review my updated balance?

Students will be able to review their updated balances by logging into their Self-Service accounts after August 19, 2022.

I have some questions about the process – whom can I contact?

For questions about the student debt discharge, please contact your local Accounts Receivable Department at FinanceSJU@albizu.edu or FinanceMIA@albizu.edu