Refunds

Financial Aid Refund/Repayment Policy
Before dropping a class, please contact the Financial Aid office because withdrawing from courses can affect your financial aid for the current term, and future terms. For more information go to: https://www.kauai.hawaii.edu/withdrawal-return-funds

Repayment Policy
The amount of Title IV aid that a student must repay is determined via the Federal Formula for Return of Title IV funds as specified in Section 484B of the Higher Education Act. This law also specifies the order of the return of the Title IV funds to the programs from which they were awarded.

A repayment may be required when cash has been disbursed to a student from financial aid funds in excess of the amount of aid the student earned during the term. The amount of Title IV aid earned is determined by multiplying the total Title IV aid (other than FWS) for which the student qualified by the percentage of time during the term that the student was enrolled.

If less aid was disbursed than was earned, the student may receive a late disbursement for the difference. If more aid was disbursed than was earned, the amount of Title IV aid that must be returned (i.e., that was unearned) is determined by subtracting the earned amount from the amount actually disbursed.

The responsibility for returning unearned aid is allocated between KCC and the student according to the portion of disbursed aid that could have been used to cover KCC charges and the portion that could have been disbursed directly to the student once University charges were covered. KCC will distribute the unearned aid back to the Title IV programs as specified by law. The student will be billed for the amount the student owes to the Title IV programs and the College.

Tuition and Fees Refund
Refunds are processed by the Business Office.

Semester Length Courses: Student Activity Fees
A 100% Student Activity Fee refund is given for complete withdrawal made within the first week of instruction. No refund is given for complete withdrawal made after the first week of instruction.

Non-Semester Length Courses: Tuition and Special Course Fees
The refund period at all institutions shall be 20% of the instructional period. The instructional period includes all calendar days beginning from the first day of instruction and ending on the last day of instruction. No refunds will be made for courses where the instructional period is 10 days or less, except before the first day of instruction. Refunds for credit courses that are not semester long shall be as follows:

1. 100% refund for complete withdrawal only if made on or before the last day of late registration as established at each institution.
2. 50% refund for complete withdrawal or change in status or tuition rate if made after the late registration period but on or before the end of the refund period as defined above, unless otherwise stipulated by federal regulations.

Non-Semester Length Courses: Activity Fees
1. 100% refund of the student activity fee for complete withdrawal only if made on or before the first day of instruction.
2. No refund of the student activity fee if complete withdrawal is made after the first day of instruction.