



Conservatory Refund Policy 2026-2027

As of the first day of classes, but before the end of the semester, if a student takes a Leave of Absence or Withdraws from all courses for any reason, the following policy dictates how tuition, fees, and any institutional financial aid is adjusted, if at all, on the student's billing statement for that term.

Federal Student Aid has a separate policy regarding withdrawals from study, governed by Department of Education regulations. That **CIM 2026-2027 Return to Title IV Policy** is found [here](#). Students with any federal student aid will need to review both policies as per federal regulations these policies cannot be combined.

How Withdrawal Date is Determined

The official withdrawal date is determined by the CIM Registrar (registrarweb@cim.edu).

- **Official Withdrawal:** The student begins the CIM withdrawal process, or the student otherwise provides official notification to CIM of intent to withdraw. CIM requests the student submit the Withdrawal Form or Leave of Absence Form, as applicable. These forms are available from the Registrar's Office.

The *Withdrawal Date* will be the date the student begins the withdrawal process, or the date that the student otherwise provides the notification (if both circumstances occur, the **earlier** is used as the withdrawal date). *

The *Date of CIM's Determination the Student has Withdrawn* is the student's withdrawal date or the date of the notification, whichever is **later**.

- **Unofficial Withdrawal:** If official notification is not provided by the student due to circumstances beyond the student's control, OR all other instances where the student withdraws without providing official notification.

The *Withdrawal Date* is the date that CIM determines is related to the circumstance beyond the student's control. For all other instances, it is the midpoint of the payment period. *

The *Date of CIM's Determination the Student has Withdrawn* is date that CIM has become aware that the student has ceased attendance.

If, at the end of a semester, a student has earned zero credits, CIM will attempt to verify if the student attended any class(s) or not. If no date of attendance may be documented, CIM must assume the student never attended.



**In place of the Withdrawal Date determinations listed above, CIM may always use the student's last date of attendance at an academically related activity if the school can document such activity.*

When a student completely withdraws from all enrolled courses during the Fall or Spring semester, the tuition* is refunded based upon a percentage of the semester's total tuition. The amount is prorated per week per the schedule below. There is no refund of the tuition as of September 29 for Fall 2025 or February 16 for Spring 2026. CIM Scholarship, as applicable, also has the same percentage per week formula:

FALL 2026	SPRING 2027		
Withdrawal Date	Withdrawal Date	Tuition Fee* % Refunded	CIM Scholarship % Canceled
AUG 24 – AUG 30	JAN 11 - JAN 17	100%**	100%
AUG 31 - SEP 6	JAN 18 - JAN 24	80%	80%
SEP 7 - SEP 13	JAN 25 – JAN 31	70%	70%
SEP 14 - SEP 20	FEB 1 - FEB 7	60%	60%
SEP 21 – SEP 27	FEB 8 - FEB 14	50%	50%
SEP 28 or later	FEB 15 or later	0%	0%

***Fees applicable to the above refund policy include only these specific line items:**

- Full-Time or Part-Time Tuition
- *****if any private lessons were received, they will be billed on a per-case basis, regardless of date of withdrawal at the rate of \$250 per lesson.***
- Double Major Surcharge
- Dual Degree Surcharge
- Secondary Study Surcharge
- Over 18 Credit Hour Surcharge
- Performance Service Fee

If the student is suspended, separated, or expelled due to disciplinary reasons, there will be no refund or proration of institutional tuition, fees, housing, or other billed costs for the semester, regardless of the date.

Fees that are non-refundable as of August 31, 2026 for fall, and January 19, 2027 for spring are:

- Student Service Fee
- Health and Wellness Fee
- Medical Plan Fee (Health Insurance) - waiver may be applied up to the published waiver deadline



- International Student Administrative Fee
- CWRU per credit classes if billed by CIM
- Meal Plan via Hawken/Sage Dining
- ELS tuition (if billed by CIM)
- Any other miscellaneous charges or late fees

Any item billed directly to students by CWRU, ELS, or any other institution/agency are subject to the billing and refund policies of that other institution.

Summer Session Tuition 2027 is fully non-refundable as of first day of Summer Term, June 1, 2027.

English Language Training Program (ELTP) 2027 is fully non-refundable as of the first day of program.

On Campus Housing at 1609 Hazel is non-refundable as of move-in day of the applicable semester:

- Fall 2026: August 19 for new students and August 22 for returning students
- Spring 2027: January 10

Orientation Fees are non-refundable as of the first day of scheduled orientation. Orientation begins August 19. As participation is mandatory for all students starting (or transferring into) a new program, this fee is non-refundable unless a written withdrawal or deferral petition (if applicable) is received at CIM prior to the first date of orientation. Graduate orientation is required for prior CIM students starting a new program, as well as first time students.

If there are any adjustments to the semester term dates, the above schedule will be updated as applicable.

Tuition Insurance

Considering the potential billing and aid adjustments that may occur (both CIM and/or Federal, as applicable), we urge students to research and consider purchasing **tuition insurance**, which may be very useful in the case of unexpected mid-semester withdrawals or leaves of absence, per both this CIM refund Policy and the Return to Title IV Policy.