## **IIIP** & Advisor Advocate

## N-Grades: Why and when do we need to use them?

Instructors assign N-grades when a student has never started or has stopped attending class. N-grades can positively and negatively impact a students' financial aid, billing and enrollment status. In order to comply with the federal regulations, IUP has developed the practice of assigning N grades at three different 'check points' during the semester, as seen in the timeline below. It is best to assign an N-grade as early as possible to: 1) save the students money by reducing the amount of their tuition/fees for the term for classes they do not intend to take and 2) avoid students having to pay back unearned financial aid later. With a per-credit tuition model and we don't want to charge students for classes they ceased attending during add/drop.

