

Withdrawal and Complete Withdrawal - Reading

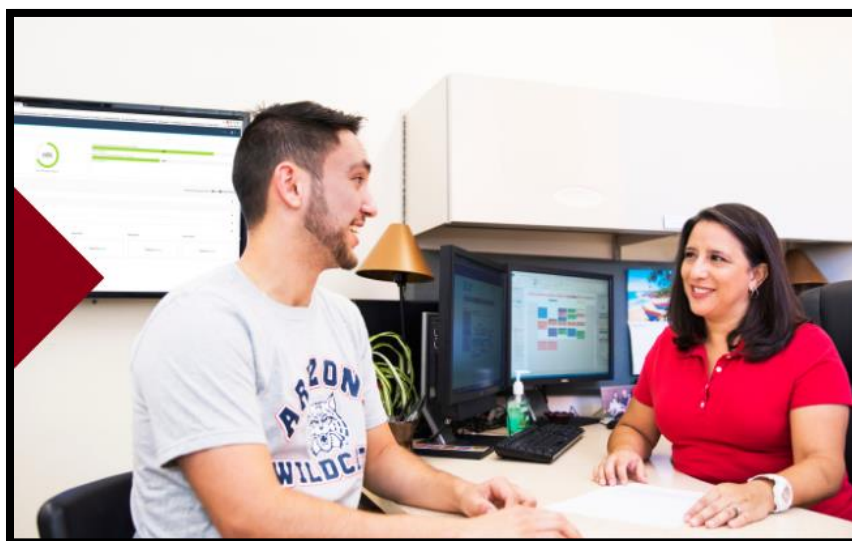
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PROLOGUE

As Academic Advisors, we get many questions from students about WITHDRAWALS. It is highly important for UArizona students to learn about the University [WITHDRAWAL policies](#). Which is why we are covering it in this lesson, during your first semester at UArizona.

Please take your time and read through this short document carefully and refer back to it during your UA career.



SECTION I

WITHDRAWAL from Individual Courses:

WITHDRAW means to unenroll in a course after the DROP deadline has passed.

Students who WITHDRAW from a course will earn a grade of “W” for that specific course. The course will remain on a student’s transcript with a grade of “W”. This is different from a DROP; a course DROPPED during the ADD/DROP/SWAP period will disappear from a student’s academic record.

Does a “W” affect my Grade Point Average?

- “W” grades do NOT affect a student’s UArizona GPA.

How many units/classes can I WITHDRAW from?

- Students can only WITHDRAW from a maximum of 18 units at UArizona.

What is the deadline to WITHDRAW from a course?

- **It depends.** The deadline to WITHDRAW from 16-week (**regular session**) courses in Fall 2021 is Sunday, October 31st, 2021 at 11:59pm (AZ/MST time).
- **HOWEVER**, WITHDRAWAL deadlines will depend on the course’s **session** (see Section II).

Is a “W” a ‘bad’ mark on my transcript?

- A “W” is a neutral mark. However, there can be consequences (see Section III). A “W” is often better than failing a course, but students should carefully consider all of the implications.

When should a student consider WITHDRAWAL from a class?

- Before WITHDRAWING, it is important to calculate your grade in the class and talk to your Professor to see if there is a pathway to passing the course.
- Discussing your circumstances with your Professor may help you determine if a WITHDRAWAL is appropriate.
- Professors need to know if you are struggling, so they can help you explore your options.

Can I WITHDRAW from SBS 197A?

- **No.** We do NOT allow any students to WITHDRAW from the SBS 197A course. There is no reason a student should do poorly in SBS 197A.
 - We offer a variety of Extra Credit opportunities in SBS 197A, and send weekly email reminders about our course quizzes and assignments.
- If you are struggling, reach out to the SBS 197A instructors immediately or attend their weekly Office Hours, held Fridays from 1:30-2:30pm on Zoom: <https://arizona.zoom.us/j/93452784737>.

SECTION II

Deadlines to WITHDRAW from a Course:

Remember there are strict deadlines to WITHDRAW from UArizona courses. Always consult the UArizona Dates and Deadlines Calendar: <https://registrar.arizona.edu/dates-and-deadlines>.

How do I WITHDRAW from a Course?

Students who want to WITHDRAW from a course before the WITHDRAWAL deadline should drop the course from their UAccess Student Center, using the “Enrollment” tab.

Standard Class Dates

Calendar
Standard Class Dates

Term
Fall 2021

Career
Undergraduate

Session
Select a Session...

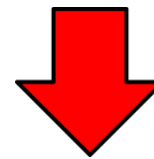
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Withdrawal deadlines depend on the course's session.

- **16 week:** Regular Session
- **10 week:** Dynamically Dated
- **7.5 week:** Seven Week 1st Session or Seven Week 2nd Session

Consult [the Dates and Deadlines Calendar](#) and make sure to select the correct SESSION!

Below you can see an example of the deadline to WITHDRAW from a Regular Session course.



Dates: 08/23/2021 - 12/08/2021

Date	Standard Class Dates: Fall 2021 - Undergraduate - Regular Academic Session
10/31/2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last day for students to withdraw from a class online through UAccess• Last day for students to change to/from audit with only instructor approval• Last day for instructors to administratively drop students

SECTION III

Consequences for WITHDRAWAL from a Course:

- **Progress towards graduation.**
 - All students, regardless of SBS College major, need a minimum of 120 units in order to graduate. That means, to progress to a 4-year graduation, students should plan on completing 30 units each academic year (approximately 15 units a semester).
- **Class Standing.**
 - Units are so important, in fact, that's how the University determines your [Class Standing](#) (if you are a Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior). It doesn't matter how many semesters or years you have been a student --- only your completed units!

COMPLETED UNITS	CLASS STANDING
0-29 units	Freshmen
30-59 units	Sophomore
60-89 units	Junior
90+ units	Senior

- WITHDRAWING from a course(s) means that students may not earn enough units to progress to be a Sophomore, etc. Students may get off track for a 4-year graduation.
- **Impacting your Financial Aid.**
 - A WITHDRAWAL may lower a student below the required 12 units needed to be considered a full-time student, which may affect aid. Students receiving Pell Grant aid should consult the [Pell Grant recalculation dates](#).
 - To maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress for Financial Aid, students must pass 66.7% of the courses they attempt; [this is called the Pace standard](#). While "W's" do not impact your GPA, they do impact Pace, as you are not passing a course you attempted.
- **Scholarship and Merit-based Aid Renewal:**
 - Students receiving merit-based aid may be required to complete a certain amount of UArizona units. **Transfer, AP, IB, Dual-Enrollment, CLEP, etc. credit will NOT count towards scholarship requirements.**
 - Review your [Scholarship renewal](#) and [Arizona Assurance renewal](#) requirements.
 - Students not meeting renewal requirements may submit a [Scholarship Appeal](#).
 - Contact the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid if you have questions about your Scholarships or Financial Aid: <https://financialaid.arizona.edu/contact>

SECTION IV

Complete Withdrawal from the Term:

A complete withdrawal from the University means dropping all classes after having paid registration fees. This option for undergraduates only applies to the Fall and Spring (regular) Semesters.

Students can perform a [Complete Withdrawal from the Term](https://registrar.arizona.edu/records-enrollment/enrollment/leave-absences/complete-withdrawal-term) from the Office of the Registrar website: <https://registrar.arizona.edu/records-enrollment/enrollment/leave-absences/complete-withdrawal-term>

Deadline to submit a Complete Withdrawal from Fall 2021 is the last day of classes of the Fall 2021 semester - Wednesday, December 8th, 2021.

If a student withdraws from the University between the third week of classes and before the final exam period, the student will receive a grade of WC (withdrawal-complete) for each class processed in the complete withdrawal, regardless of whether the student is passing at the time of withdrawal.

Grades for a Complete Withdrawal:

- Appear on a student's permanent record (UA transcript)
- Are not included in the student's grade point average (GPA)
- Are not included in the student's 18 unit "W" unit maximum

Students are encouraged to consult with their advisor prior to submitting the online withdrawal request to discuss the consequences of this action. If a student is considering a Complete Withdrawal from the Term, there are [Important Considerations When Performing a Complete Withdrawal](#).

Tuition Appeals for Complete Withdrawals:

Students, with an extenuating circumstance, who missed the deadline for a Tuition Refund, can submit a Tuition Appeal online: <https://registrar.arizona.edu/tuition-appeals>.

Returning to The University after a Complete Withdrawal:

QUESTION: Can I still return to the University in the next term after a Complete Withdrawal?

Yes! After a Complete Withdrawal a student may return and enroll in the next semester. Students do NOT have to re-apply to the University for the following term after a Complete Withdrawal.

- Remember, that a Complete Withdrawal can have some of the same consequences as individual withdrawals, such as [affecting financial aid](#) and progress towards graduation.

Students who wish to take a semester or longer off should consult the [Back2UA policy](#) and speak with their major Academic Advisor.