

Guidelines for the Undergraduate Extended Drop Period

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Scope

In the fall and spring semesters, the add/drop period is defined as the first two weeks of the semester. Under special circumstances defined in these guidelines, undergraduate students may be eligible to drop a course in the third week of the fall or spring semester. This third week will be designated as an **extended drop period**. There are no changes to the add period.

The establishment of the extended drop period aims to support our full-time students attempting to optimize their schedule and achieve their academic pursuits.

Background

The Student Government Board's Academic Affairs Committee requested that the University consider extending the drop period. The Provost's Advisory Committee on Undergraduate Programs reviewed and then recommended to the Provost that an extended drop period be approved.

Eligibility

The eligibility criteria for the extended drop period are as follows:

- Undergraduate students at all campuses
- Undergraduate courses
- Fall and spring semesters
- Students must be in full-time status and by dropping a course or two, their resulting course load must remain as full-time.
- The student's advisor must provide permission to drop.

A student must meet **all** criteria to drop a course during the extended drop period.

Implementation

- Students must review the proposed drop with their academic advisor. If the student's advisor finds that the student is eligible, the advisor will process the drop(s). If the student's advisor cannot process the drop for any reason, then the advisor will request that the Registrar's Office at the student's campus process it.
- The Office of the University Registrar will monitor drops processed during the third week to ensure that student met the eligibility criteria prior to the drop and that the student continues to meet the eligibility criteria after the drop. Identified issues will be resolved in consultation with the Office of the Provost.
- There will be no record of the drop course(s) on the transcript.
- A financial aid review will not be needed, because students will remain full-time.
- In most cases, a drop in the extended drop period will not require an adjustment of the tuition bill. If a student is initially enrolled for more than 18 credits and drops to 12-18 credits, then their tuition bill will be adjusted accordingly.
- The extended drop period has no impact on current practices for withdrawing from all courses.
- The extended drop period will be published in the academic calendar.

Related Policies

Policy 09-04-10 Registration and Add/Drop

Policy 09-01-07 University Grading

Policy 09-05-08 Termination of Registration

Students can ask their advisors for more information.