

UNIVERSITY POLICY FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Policy No. UPAA-4 COURSE WITHDRAWAL

1 General Information.

- 1.1 Scope: Academic policy regarding students dropping courses, high demand courses, and withdrawing from the institution.
- 1.2 Authority: W. Va. Code §18B-1-6
- 1.3 Passage Date: June 16, 2022
- 1.4 Effective Date: July 26, 2022
- 1.5 Controlling over: Marshall University
- 1.6 History: SR 90-91(144)296(ASCR), SR 92-93(127)273(ASCR), SR 96-97(4)70R(BAPC), SR 96-97(17)82(BAPC/SCWC), SR 96-97(53)119B(BAPC); Revised: 2/20/2020 and 6/25/2020; Revised and approved by BOG 6/16/2022.

2 Policy

2.1. Dropping of Courses

- 2.1.1 A student who wishes to withdraw from an individual course after the schedule adjustment period must present the request to the Registrar via an electronic submission outlined in the Marshall University Undergraduate Catalog.

2.2 High Demand Course Withdrawal Policy

- 2.2.1 Any student who withdraws during the “W” period from a course identified as a “high demand” course shall not be allowed to pre-register for the course for the following semester during advance registration. Updated listings of high demand courses are available from the Office of the Registrar.

2.3 Total Withdrawal from the University

- 2.3.1 Total Withdrawal from the University is defined as dropping all classes for which a student is registered. A student who wishes to totally withdraw from the university must first secure the 2 Policy AA-5 signature of the Director of Student Success and then present the request to the Registrar in person, by email, or by mail. If the request is made in person, a drop form bearing the signature of the Director of Student Success must be submitted to the Registrar’s Office. Requests by email must be sent from the student’s MU email account. For mailed requests, the postmark will be the official date of withdrawal. In cases where the student is unable to secure the physical signature of the Director of Student Success, permission may be obtained via email.

2.4 Grades Assigned in Cases of Dropping Courses or Total Withdrawal from the University

- 2.4.1 In all cases of dropping courses or total withdrawal from the university the instructors will report grades as follows:

- 2.4.1.1 A student dropping courses or totally withdrawing from the university on or before 5 instructional days prior to the last class day in any semester or term will receive a grade of “W”. -Exact “W” dates are identified in the annual university Academic Calendar.
- 2.4.2 A “W” grade (withdrew) will have no bearing on the student’s grade point average but may affect a student’s Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) for purposes of financial aid.
- 2.4.3 Students who drop courses without approval, or who do not follow regulations provided in the preceding paragraphs, receive a grade of “F” at the end of the semester.
- 2.4.4 Students who are enrolled in a first 8-weeks course(s) and totally withdraw from the University after the last day of the first 8-week term will still earn grades for the first 8-week term.

2.5 Final Date for Dropping an Individual Course or Totally Withdrawing from the University

2.5.1 The final date for dropping an individual class in any semester or term is 5 instructional days prior to the last class day as defined in the academic calendar for each term. The last date for complete withdrawal from the university is the last class day as defined in the academic calendar for each term. In both cases, “W” grades are assigned.

2.6 Military Service

- 2.6.1 Men and women called to active duty in the armed services of the United States are granted full refund of fees, but no credit, if the call comes before the end of the first three-fourths of the semester or term; and full credit, but no refund of fees, is granted if the call comes thereafter. Credit, as described above, will be granted only in those courses in which the student is maintaining a passing mark at the time of departure to military service. The term “called to active duty” is herein defined as being called to active duty as the result of the federal activation of a total reserve component, National Guard unit, or any portion thereof which involves a particular student or an individual who is a bona fide member of the reserve component or a National Guard unit. The final grades, both passing and failing, for three fourths of a semester or more are to be shown on the student’s permanent record card.
- 2.6.2 NOTE: It is extremely important to direct students with questions regarding military activation to the Registrar’s Office, which certifies students for educational benefits. The Registrar’s Office is required to notify the Veteran’s Administration when students receiving educational benefits are activated for military service.

2.7 Medical or Emergency Withdrawal

- 2.7.1 In cases when students withdraw from the university for medical reasons, their request for total withdrawal must be supported by certification from the attending physician. In order to be readmitted after this total withdrawal, the student must provide a letter and supporting documentation from the attending physician indicating that the student is able to return. Confidentiality will be maintained at all times except on a need-to-know basis.
- 2.7.2 In cases when students withdraw from the university for emergency reasons, their request for total withdrawal must be supported by appropriate documentation related to a catastrophic situation. In order to be readmitted after this total withdrawal, the student must provide supporting documentation

indicating that the student is able to return. Confidentiality will be maintained at all times except on a need-to-know basis.

- 2.7.3 Requests for medical or emergency total withdrawals from the university or from an individual class will be handled on a case-by-case basis through the Assistant Dean of Students for Advocacy. Students who receive a medical or emergency total withdrawal shall receive a grade of “W.”

2.8 Backdated Withdrawal Procedures

- 2.8.1 In those rare instances when a backdated withdrawal from a class (or classes) is justified, the following guidelines must be followed:
- 2.8.2 For undergraduate and graduate students, the applicable dean is the academic college dean. Before determining a date of withdrawal, the applicable dean will consult with the Financial Aid Office. If a student has received a loan or other financial aid (federal, state, or institutional) predicated upon full or parttime enrollment, the student may have to repay the university before he/she can be backdated out of the class. Establishing the appropriate withdrawal date is important in terms of institutional policy.