

TO WITHDRAW OR NOT WITHDRAW

That is the Question



WHAT DOES "WITHDRAW" MEAN?

- Withdraw means to officially drop a class after the allowed drop period ends.
- You won't receive a grade for the class, but a "W" will show up on your transcript, indicating that you had attempted but quit the class.
- The "W" will not affect your GPA
- Check #11 in the Student tab of your Mt. SAC portal to find the drop with and without a "W" deadline for your class.

IS IT ALWAYS BAD TO GET A "W"?

- No, being proactive and choosing to get a "W" can be a great way to keep your GPA safe from a class that you are not passing.



WHEN IS WITHDRAWING A GOOD IDEA?

- If you are not passing the class and based on your conversation with the instructor it is unlikely you will pass
- If something in your life changes (like you got a new job) and you can no longer attend class
- If your goals change and you no longer need the class based on your new goal

WHAT ARE THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN WITHDRAWING?



- Leaving class can affect how much grant money you will be awarded during the semester
- If you withdraw from too many classes
 - you can be placed on progress probation
 - you could lose your financial aid eligibility
 - it could affect your ability to transfer to elite universities (Most universities do not take “W” grades into consideration.)
- Receiving a “W” in a course will count as an attempt and **Mt. SAC limits students to 3 attempts per class.**
- For some majors like nursing, there may be stricter limits to how many times you can repeat a specific required course.

WHO SHOULD YOU TALK TO IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

- With your professor to discuss your ability to succeed in class
- A **counselor** to learn how withdrawing could affect probation status, course repeats, and transfer
- The **Financial Aid Office** to learn how it could affect your financial aid.



QUESTIONS? NEED ASSISTANCE?

CONTACT THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

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