



Add, Drop and Withdrawal Process

Students should add, drop and/or withdraw from courses only after consultation with their instructor and academic advisor. Students also need to be aware that any of these changes can have an effect on their progress toward graduation, eligibility for financial aid and eligibility for athletics (if applicable).

- **Adding a course(s):** If space is available in the class, students will be permitted to add a course(s) with the approval of their advisor and within the deadline. Online courses cannot be added after the start of the course.
 - **Courses meeting more than once a week** – Add/Drop form must be completed and submitted to the Registrar’s Office by 4:00 p.m. on the second Friday of the course (including holidays)
 - **Modular courses** – Add/Drop form must be completed and submitted to the Registrar’s Office by 4:00 p.m. prior to the second class meeting
- **Dropping a course(s):** Traditional on-campus students requesting to drop a course(s) may do so through their advisor. Off-campus students can provide a written request to the Registrar’s Office by using the Add/Drop form or by sending an email or fax with the pertinent information about the course. Upon receipt of a written request (within the deadline), students will be dropped from the class roster and will not receive a grade for the course.
 - **Courses meeting more than once a week** – Add/Drop form must be completed and submitted to the Registrar’s Office by 4:00 p.m. on the second Friday of the course (including holidays)
 - **Modular courses** – Add/Drop form must be completed and submitted to the Registrar’s Office by 4:00 p.m. within the first week of class
- **Withdrawing from a course(s):** After the add/drop period is over, students may withdraw from a course(s) until the withdrawal deadline. Students withdrawing from a course will receive a “W” on their transcript and remain liable for full tuition and fees. No computation in grade point averages will be recorded in the student’s permanent record for courses with a “W.”
 - **Full semester course** – Spring and Fall semesters weeks 3 - 11; Summer semester weeks 3 - 7
 - **Modular course** – weeks 2 – 5
- **Withdrawal Due to Extenuating Circumstances - Students may not withdraw from a class after the withdrawal deadline has passed unless there are very serious circumstances over which the student has no control. Students who feel they have sufficient reason to request withdrawal after the deadline must make an appointment with the Registrar to explain the circumstances and present written documentation for the request. The decision to allow the withdrawal at that point will be made in consultation with the appropriate college dean, academic advisor and the instructor. Students will receive a “W” on their transcript and remain liable for full tuition and fees. No computation in grade point averages will be recorded in the student’s permanent record for courses with a “W.”**

Academic deadlines for dropping or withdrawing from a course(s) differ from finance refund/charges deadline policies.

All withdrawals shall be filed with the Registrar and students’ advisors shall be informed in each case. Students who fail to go through established procedures will be considered as still enrolled in their courses and shall receive a grade based upon the course requirements and remain liable for full tuition and fees.

Withdrawal from the University

Students completely withdrawing from the University should contact the Registrar's Office, obtain the necessary signatures on the Complete Withdrawal Form, and complete all the withdrawal procedures.

- **Permanent** – “W” is the grade used at the time of withdrawal. No computation in grade point averages will be recorded on the student's permanent record. Should a person decide to return to USF after having permanently withdrawn, the individual must file for admission as a new student.
- **Leave of Absence** - To preserve a position in the University, the student requesting a leave of absence must return on an agreed upon date. An extension of no more than one semester may be granted. Failure to return on the agreed upon date will necessitate filing for admission as a new student. “W” is the grade used at the time of withdrawal. No computation in grade point averages will be recorded on the student's permanent record.

Students are responsible for checking their class enrollment status through their student portal to confirm that they have been withdrawn from all their courses. Students that are administratively withdrawn or suspended are not eligible for refunds.

Late Medical Withdrawal Process from the University

A student may request and be considered for a late Medical Withdrawal when extraordinary circumstances, such as serious illness or injury, prevent a student from continuing classes. This policy covers both physical and mental health difficulties. All requests for withdrawal require thorough, credible and timely documentation, received within a reasonable time, usually no more than 30 days after the end of the semester for which the withdrawal is being requested. A sub-committee of the Educational Standards Committee determines the appropriateness of the Medical Withdrawal request.

Student Procedure:

1. The student must consult with Financial Aid Services to determine the financial consequences, if any, of the withdrawal on the current and subsequent semesters.
2. The student must provide appropriate documentation to the Registrar's Office including:
 - a. A written request for Medical Withdrawal describing the medical reason for the withdrawal. Additionally, the student must explain how the illness or condition affected their ability to maintain their status as a student at the University and why withdrawing from courses through the regular process was not an option for them. (An Incomplete in courses may be arranged with the respective instructors at their discretion and may be an option for a student to consider instead of a complete Medical Withdrawal).
 - b. A letter from the student's treating physician, recommending a withdrawal from the University for medical reasons. The letter must state the specific rationale for the recommendation, including the onset of the illness or condition and why the illness or condition prevented the student from continuing classes.
3. If the Medical Withdrawal is approved, the student will receive a grade(s) of W. No computation in GPA will be recorded in the student's permanent record for courses with a grade of W. The student will remain liable for full tuition and fees.

Both the health of the student and his or her ability to resume full academic responsibilities are central to determining whether the student can return from a Medical Withdrawal. The University reserves the right to request medical documentation before returning from a Medical Withdrawal. A future Medical Withdrawal for the same or similar circumstances may not be granted.