

## Extension of Course and Semester Withdrawal Dates

**Action:** To extend the course withdrawal ([C-3](#)) and semester withdrawal ([G-1](#)) date to May 1, 2020. **For the Spring 2020 semester only**, course withdrawals will not be included in [C-4](#) regulation credit limitation of 21 credits. Students requesting semester withdrawal will still need to follow policy [G-1](#).

**Policies at Issue:** General Requirements and Academic Procedures (Catalog)

- **C-3. Withdrawing from a Course.** Beginning with the eleventh day of the semester and ending with the tenth week of the semester a student may withdraw from a course. During this period a grade of W will be recorded on the student's record and will count against their 21 credit withdrawal limit (see regulation C-4). This period is prorated for accelerated or short courses. A student may not withdraw from a course after a final grade has been assigned for that course, even if this occurs before the deadline to withdraw from the course.
  
- **C-4. Credit Withdrawal Limitation.** The number of credits that a student may withdraw from during his or her undergraduate career at UI is limited to 21 credits. If a student attempts to drop a course(s) that would bring the total credits he or she will have withdrawn from above 21, the student will not be allowed to do so. When a student withdraws from the university the credits in the courses for the semester do not count against the withdrawal credit limitation (see [regulation G](#)).
  
- **G-1. Standard Withdrawal Procedures**
  - **G-1-a.** A student may withdraw from the semester before the end of the second week following midterms. See regulation G-1-b for withdrawal from the semester after the end of the second week following midterms.
  - **G-1-b.** A student is permitted to withdraw from the semester after the end of the second week following midterms for compelling reasons only and after approval by the Academic Petitions Committee *or* after completing a medical withdrawal as explained in G-2. Examples of compelling reasons are: serious illness or injury of the student or death or serious illness or injury in the student's immediate family. Petitions for permission to withdraw after the end of the second week following midterms are forwarded *via the student's academic dean* to the Academic Petitions Committee on forms available in department and college offices. If the student's petition is approved, the Academic Petitions Committee will determine the effective date of the withdrawal. (See "[Refund of Fees](#)")

**Reason for action:** This action will give students the ability to make the best academic decision for them personally due to individual extenuating circumstances brought on by COVID-19. These could include personal health, family health, technology challenges, or other issues. It will also greatly reduce students' anxiety and grant students additional time to adjust to online learning.