Withdrawal from the University

Undergraduate students, other than athletes, international students, and students on financial aid who find it necessary to withdraw from the University may do so via ASAP (https://asap.utsa.edu) during both Fall and Spring semesters. During Summer terms, all students must submit a withdrawal form to the One Stop Enrollment Center. The withdrawal form is available on the Office of the Registrar website (https://onestop.utsa.edu/forms/registrar). Athletes who wish to withdraw from the University must contact the Office of Academic Services in the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics; international students who wish to withdraw from the University must contact the Office of International Programs. Students on financial aid must withdraw through the One Stop Enrollment Center.

Undergraduate students who officially withdraw from the University after Census Date receive grades of “W” in all classes. Undergraduates may not withdraw from the University later than the third class day preceding final examinations in the Spring and Fall semesters.

Refer to the sections “Undergraduate Credit Limitation” (http://catalog.utsa.edu/informationbulletin/generalacademicregulations/undergraduate/registration/#limit) and “Three-attempt Rule” (http://catalog.utsa.edu/informationbulletin/generalacademicregulations/undergraduate/registration/#three) in this chapter for information about the financial consequences of receiving “W” grades.

Students who withdraw from all classes are subject to the University’s academic probation and dismissal regulations. Students withdrawing should refer to the regulations on refunds of tuition and fees, readmission policies, and requirements for maintaining registration.

Withdrawal for Military Service

A student who withdraws as a result of being called to active military service may choose:

1. To receive a refund of tuition and fees for the semester
2. If eligible, to be assigned an incomplete (IN) in each course (refer to Undergraduate Students section “Explanation of Credit, Grading System, and Symbols” (http://catalog.utsa.edu/informationbulletin/generalacademicregulations/undergraduate/grades/#expl))
3. At the instructor’s discretion, to receive a final grade in courses where he or she has completed a substantial amount of coursework and has demonstrated sufficient mastery of the course material

As a benefit to those students who withdrew from the University to perform military service (not including Texas National Guard Training exercises) and have not attended another institution long enough to receive grades, UTSA will not require them to requalify for admission. In order to take advantage of this benefit, the students must request readmission from the Office of the Registrar within one year of being released from active military service, and submit in writing a statement indicating he/she did not attend another university during this time period. Returning students who have attended another institution long enough to receive grades, must reapply to the University. A returning student may be eligible for the same financial assistance provided before the student’s withdrawal.

Medical and/or Mental Health Withdrawal from the University

Students who experience a significant medical or mental health challenge, which compromises their ability to effectively participate in their educational program, may request a full Withdrawal from classes without unnecessary academic penalty. If you are enrolled in only one class, or are dropping your last class in a given semester, this is considered a full withdrawal.

A Medical or Mental Health (M/MH) Withdrawal from the University should be considered only when all other options are exhausted by the student. Alternative options to a M/MM Withdrawal may include requesting a grade of Incomplete for courses enrolled, or withdrawing using the regular Withdrawal process if still within the Withdrawal timeframe for the semester. Students also have the option to drop an individual course(s) during a specified timeframe. Instructor-initiated drops may also occur until the last day that a student may drop themselves.

Purpose

The purpose of a M/MM Withdrawal is to provide academic relief to students who experience a medical or mental health event during the semester which prevents them from completing their coursework. If the effective date of an approved M/MM Withdrawal is on or before the Census Date (12th class day), no record of the courses will appear on the student’s transcript. If the effective date of Withdrawal is after the Census Date, a grade of “W” will appear on the transcript for all dropped/or withdrawn courses. A M/MM Withdrawal does not guarantee the removal of a grade of “W” nor does it indicate a monetary refund.

Limitations

Requests for partial M/MM Withdrawals will not be considered. Requests submitted past the submission deadline (i.e., the last class day of the semester following the requested Withdrawal term) will be denied.

Students will be limited to one Medical and one Mental Health Withdrawal during their academic career at UTSA, unless given special permission by the Dean of University College (if an undergraduate student) or the Dean of Graduate School (if a graduate student).

Financial Implications

M/MM Withdrawals are meant to provide academic, rather than financial, relief for students. The financial implications of withdrawing from courses depends upon several factors, most important of which are the effective date of the Withdrawal and whether students who received a Withdrawal received financial aid and/or other sources of educational funding such as scholarships, veterans benefits, etc. The effective date of the Withdrawal will be determined by the Dean of University College or the Dean of the Graduate School. Based upon the effective Withdrawal date, the Financial Services and University Bursar office will determine whether a refund percentage is allowed and the Financial Aid Office will determine whether an adjustment to any financial aid received is necessary. If appropriate, the Financial Aid Office will calculate and process Return of Title IV (http://www.utsa.edu/financialaid/elig/withdrawal.html) for financial aid funding impacted by this regulation. Return of Title IV may result in an outstanding balance owed by the student to the University.

To review the refund policy mandated by the Texas Education Code (See 54.006), and the timeline for receiving tuition and fee refunds, please see the UTSA refund policy in the UTSA Information Bulletin (http://
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catalog.utsa.edu/informationbulletin/tuitionfees/paymentrefundpolicies/refundpolicy/.

Other Implications

Students should refer to the Academic Calendar (https://asap.utsa.edu/terms.htm) for the established Withdrawal, drop, and refund deadline dates. A M/MH Withdrawal may impact progression toward degree completion and result in financial consequences and obligations. Students are advised to consult with appropriate University personnel to determine what areas of their enrollment may be impacted. These areas include but are not limited to: funding received through financial aid, scholarships, veteran affairs or other funding sources, immigration status, employment with the university, housing, restrictions on repeating courses including gateway courses and legislation such as Satisfactory Academic Progress (http://catalog.utsa.edu/informationbulletin/studentservices/financialaid/satisfactoryacademicprogress) and Title IV (http://catalog.utsa.edu/informationbulletin/tuitionfees/paymentrefundpolicies/titleivprogramrefund) for students receiving financial aid, the Six-Drop Policy, (http://catalog.utsa.edu/informationbulletin/generalacademicregulations/undergraduate/registration/#sixdrop) Three-Attempt (http://catalog.utsa.edu/informationbulletin/generalacademicregulations/undergraduate/registration/#three) Rule (http://catalog.utsa.edu/informationbulletin/generalacademicregulations/undergraduate/registration/#three) and Undergraduate Credit Limitation. (http://catalog.utsa.edu/informationbulletin/tuitionfees/additionalfees/#limit)

Medical/Mental Health Withdrawal Request Procedures

Requests for M/MH Withdrawals must be submitted in writing to the appropriate service office (Student Health Services (http://www.utsa.edu/health) for medical requests; Student Counseling Services (http://www.utsa.edu/counsel) for mental health requests). Such requests must be accompanied by supporting documentation from a licensed physician, medical provider, or mental health professional. Hospitalization records from a recent admission, if relevant, should also accompany any application. Students must complete the Release of Medical/Mental Health Records Authorization form. This signed form allows for the review of records by the Service Director and/or their designee and by members of the M/MH Withdrawal Committee. All documents and any other requirements made by the Service Director (or their designee) must be provided or completed within one month of the initial request. Students should contact Student Health Services or Counseling Services for a list of the required documents. If the application is not completed within one month, the file will be closed and no further action will be taken unless a new application is initiated before the end of the eligibility period. The deadline for submitting a complete Withdrawal petition packet is the last class day of the semester following the requested Withdrawal term. A request submitted during the summer must be submitted by the last day of classes for the ten-week term.

The appropriate Service Director or their respective designee will review the request and the supporting documentation to determine whether the medical or mental health issue adversely affected the student’s ability to function academically, and was substantial enough to warrant the student’s Withdrawal under this policy. Upon that review, the appropriate Service Director or their respective designee will meet with the M/MH Committee to review the recommendation and the proposed date of Withdrawal. The Service Director will then provide a written recommendation to the Dean of University College) or the Dean of the Graduate School. The appropriate Dean will have one month to process their decision and make the final determination regarding the status of each application. The student will be notified of the final determination in writing in a manner consistent with the policies and procedures established by the Dean’s offices.

An appeal of the Dean’s determination may be considered if additional documentation can be presented that may support a possible change in the decision. The appeal, along with this documentation, should be submitted in writing to the Associate Vice President for Student Services for medical Withdrawals or to the Counseling Services Director for mental health Withdrawals. All appeal recommendations will go back to the respective Dean for review. The Dean’s decision based on the appeal recommendation shall be final.

Confidentiality of Medical/Mental Health Withdrawal Requests

The records and documentation submitted for the medical/mental health Withdrawal will be maintained by Student Health Services or Student Counseling Services, respectively. The documentation will remain confidential in accordance with the respective ethics and policies. The Dean’s decision, however, will become part of the student’s educational record.

Return to UTSA

Students who apply for Medical/Mental Health Withdrawal are strongly recommended to consult with their medical and/or mental health provider before making the decision to return to UTSA, or to other higher education environments. Returning students, who might continue to be impacted by their medical and/or mental health condition, should consider consulting with Student Disability Services (SDS) http://www.utsa.edu/disability/ to determine if their condition qualifies them for registration with SDS and for academic accommodations.