

## Should I Withdraw From This Course?

*If you are thinking about withdrawing from a course, please consider these important questions.*

- 1) Have you talked to your instructor?: Coaches can make recommendations about course withdraws, but the person who knows the most about your academic performance (other than you) is your course instructor. Contact your instructor if you are unsure of your current grade. They can help you determine if it's possible to earn a "C" or better by the end of the semester.
- 2) Are you aware of the new withdrawal policy? Beginning Fall 2014, students may only withdraw from 16 total credit hours during their academic careers at UNC Charlotte. They will be unable to withdraw from additional credits once this limit is reached. Therefore, it is important that you only withdraw from courses when it is absolutely necessary. For more information about the withdrawal policy, visit <http://provost.uncc.edu/withdrawals>.
- 3) Are you considering a withdrawal due to extenuating circumstances?: If you are experiencing extenuating circumstances; such as a medical issue, military deployment, or family emergency; please notify your instructors immediately. You should also contact Mr. Brian Cousin, Assistant Director for Withdrawal Services, in the Student Assistance and Support Services Office. He is located at 349 Cone University Center and can be reached at [bcousin1@uncc.edu](mailto:bcousin1@uncc.edu) or 704-687-0289. Brian can assist you in advocating for academic accommodation or an incomplete grade for the class. He can also provide information about the process to request a Withdrawal with Extenuating Circumstances (WE).
- 4) Are you receiving financial aid?: Dropping below 12 credit hours could reduce your award. Accumulating too many withdrawals can also limit your future ability to receive financial aid. Please consult the Niner Central to discuss your situation and determine if withdrawing is an option for you. They can be reached at 704-687-8622.
- 5) Are you an international or exchange student?: International and exchange students may face restrictions that instructors or academic advisors are unfamiliar with. Consult the International Student/Scholar Office in CHHS 202 to discuss policies that may impact your ability to withdraw from courses.
- 6) Is the course a prerequisite for courses you plan to take in next semester?: If the answer is yes, you may want to stay enrolled. Consult your instructor to determine if earning a minimum grade of "C" is possible, based on your current performance. This information can help you decide if the benefit of staying enrolled outweighs the possible penalties of earning a "D" or "F."
- 7) Is the class offered in next semester?: Some classes aren't offered every semester. If you are considering withdrawing from a required course that won't be offered again till next year, review your curriculum guide and course prerequisites to see if withdrawing could delay your graduation. Consult your instructor to determine if earning a minimum grade of "C" is possible, based on your current performance. This information can help you decide if the benefit of staying enrolled outweighs the possible penalties of earning a "D" or "F."
- 8) Are you currently on academic probation?: Students on probation must earn a minimum 2.30 semester GPA or raise their cumulative GPA to a minimum 2.0 to avoid suspension. If earning a minimum grade of "C" appears unlikely, it would be wise to withdraw from the course. You should also schedule a future appointment with your advisor. Continuing to struggle academically is a serious problem.