

Possible Implications of Withdrawing from a Course

When considering withdrawing from a course, it is important to understand how doing so may impact you academically and/or financially.

- **Housing** – GW Housing requires all students living on campus to be registered for a minimum of 12 credits, or full-time status. If you are registered for a relatively low number of credits and live in on-campus housing, withdrawing from a course could put you below full-time status, which violates the terms and conditions of the Housing License Agreement. Please contact the GW Housing office for more information.
 - Web: living.gwu.edu
 - Email: gwhouse@gwu.edu
 - Phone: 202-994-2552
- **Financial Aid/Scholarships** – If you were awarded federal aid or scholarship aid, there are certain criteria you must meet, which may involve staying registered as a full-time student (at least 12 credits). If you are registered for a relatively low number of credits and receive financial aid, withdrawing from a course could put you below full-time status. This could affect your financial aid eligibility. For more information, contact the Office of Student Financial Assistance. Note that withdrawals after the specified refund period will not result in a refund of tuition and/or fees.
 - Web: financialaid.gwu.edu
 - Email: finaid@gwu.edu
 - Phone: 202-994-6620
 - In person: Colonial Central, Marvin Center
- **International Students/Visa Status** – As an undergraduate International Student, you are required to be registered as a full-time student (at least 12 credits). Withdrawing from a course could put you below full-time status, which could have serious visa implications, including loss of status and need to leave the U.S. Contact the International Services Office for more information.
 - Web: internationalservices.gwu.edu
 - Email: iso@gwu.edu
 - Phone: 202-994-4477
 - In person: Colonial Crossroads, Marvin Center Suite 505
- **Veteran Services** – Withdrawing from a course can have serious financial and academic impacts for those using veterans education benefits, especially if you drop below full-time (12 credits a semester). These ramifications can include tuition, housing, or book stipend debts with the VA. If you are considering dropping a course, please contact the Office of Military and Veteran Student Services to discuss your particular circumstances.
 - Web: services.military.gwu.edu
 - Email: vetserve@gwu.edu
 - Phone: 202-994-9570
 - In person: Colonial Central, Marvin Center

- **Student-Athletes** – As a student-athlete, there are certain criteria that you must meet in order to maintain your NCAA eligibility to practice and compete in your sport. If you are a student-athlete, withdrawing from a course may have serious athletic and academic implications. Please contact Athletics Educational Support Services prior to withdrawing.
 - Web: <http://www.gwsports.com/>
 - Phone: 202-994-2495,
 - In person: Carbonell Academic Center, 600 22nd St. NW

If any of these situations pertain to you, or if you are concerned about how withdrawing from a course could affect you in another way, please speak with your academic advisor.