



Thinking about dropping a course? You can now drop online! Don't miss the deadline!

Take a look at these Frequently Asked Questions for more information.

Is there a deadline to drop a course or withdraw from the university?

Yes, check the [Academic Calendar](#) for the drop and withdrawal deadlines. Graduate students enrolled in the Accelerated Online Programs have different deadlines, therefore different refund periods. Click [here](#) for more information.

I missed the deadline, can I still drop or withdraw from school?

No, unfortunately, if you missed the deadline you will earn a grade for your course(s). You may submit an academic appeal no later than 30 calendar days from the beginning of the following semester only if you have extreme circumstances that caused the need to drop or withdraw after the deadline.

How is a drop different than a withdrawal?

A drop is when you remove one or more classes but you are staying enrolled in at least one course.

If you want to drop all the classes you are enrolled in, that is called a withdrawal. A withdrawal has different financial implications than a drop. **Withdrawals cannot be performed online**, so we do recommend you stop by U Central to speak to one of our staff.

We will use the terms "drop" and "withdrawal" throughout the FAQ, pay close attention because they have different processes.

Examples:

- If you are enrolled in 5 classes and you want to drop 2, those 2 classes are considered drops.
- If you are enrolled in 1 course and you want to drop it, that is considered a withdrawal because you are removing all your enrolled classes, even though it's just 1 course.
- If you are enrolled in 4 classes and you want to drop all of them, that is considered a withdrawal.
- If you were enrolled in 4 classes and you dropped 1 a week ago and you now want to drop the other 3, the 1 class you dropped first will be considered a drop and the other 3 a withdrawal.

What is "Census Date"?

The term "Census date" refers to the date when enrollment is considered official. It is the 12th class day of a semester or the 4th class day of a summer session. You will see this term used throughout this FAQ. For exact dates, please consult the [Academic Calendar](#).

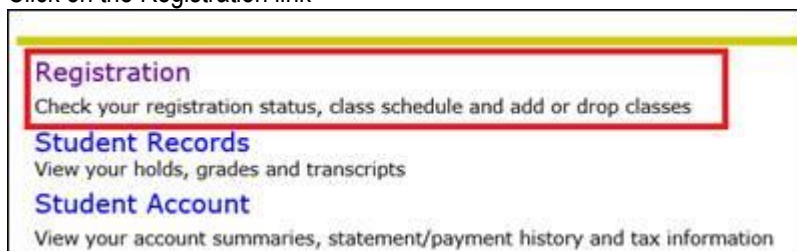
How can I drop my class(es)?

Classes can be dropped online or at U Central on or before the drop deadline. If you want to drop your classes in person, you may visit U Central, however, we know your time is precious so we encourage you to take advantage of the online process and avoid waiting in line. The online option is not available for withdrawals.

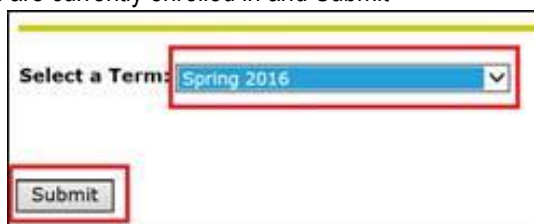
Here's how to drop your class(es) online:

- Log in to my.utrgv.edu
- Click on ASSIST

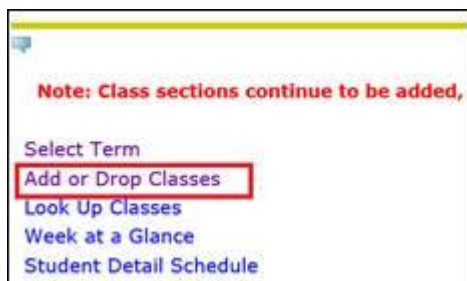
- Click on the Student Services Tab
- Click on the Registration link



- Click on Select Term and choose the term you are currently enrolled in and Submit



- Now, click on the Add or Drop Classes option



- Scroll down until you see your classes
- Find the class you want to drop and select "Web Drop" from the drop down menu

Current Schedule

Status	Action	Campus	CRN	Subj
Drop/Delete on Apr 07, 2016		Brownsville	50737	HIST
Registered on Apr 07, 2016	None	Online	55078	INFS
	Web Drop with DR Grade			

- Click on Submit Changes and it's done!

Do I get money back if I drop a class? Or am I going to owe money?

Dropping a course **after** the census date does not grant you a refund.

If you drop **on or before** the census date, then you are entitled to a 100% refund on the class.** Keep in mind that if you received financial aid or requested an emergency loan, your awards or balances may be adjusted and this could result in a balance. Make sure you know the enrollment requirements for the different grants, loans and/or scholarships you are receiving before you drop courses. We unfortunately see students that lose their scholarship eligibility because they dropped a course on or before census date.

Withdrawals have different refund policies. Keep reading for more information on withdrawals.

** Our university now offers guaranteed tuition plans where students paying Texas Resident tuition don't get charged tuition and mandatory fees for hours that exceed 12 hours per semester, so for example, you may not see a refund if you go from 15 hours to 12 hours,. Click [here](#) for more information.

How will my financial aid be affected if I drop a course or withdraw from my class(es)?

Dropping **on or before** the census date could result in an adjustment of your financial aid. You may lose eligibility for some of your awards. Please see the table below for the enrollment requirement for the most common types of aid.

Award	Minimum enrollment needed*	*Additional restrictions may apply such as repeated course restriction
Texas Grant	9+ hours will qualify you for the full award	
Subsidized Loans	6 hours	
Unsubsidized Loans	6 hours	
Pell Grant	There are 4 award levels: Full-time, $\frac{3}{4}$ time , Half-time, less than half-time Example: Going from 12 hours to 10 hours would cause a reduction of the Pell award	
Achieve Grant	15 hours	
Assistance Scholarship	Full-time	

Dropping **after** the census date will not result in an adjustment of your financial aid. However, dropping or withdrawing after the census date will affect your “Pace” for financial aid purposes. Pace is the rate at which you are progressing through your program of study. Pace is calculated by dividing your earned hours by your attempted hours. In order to stay eligible for financial aid, your pace must be at 67% or higher if you are an undergraduate student. For graduate students your pace must be at least a 75%.

If you receive Federal financial aid such as Direct loans (subsidized and unsubsidized) and/or the Pell Grant, **withdrawing** before completing 60% of the semester could result in having to pay back some of the money received. This doesn’t apply to the Texas or TPEG grant awards. Click [here](#) for more information.

My scholarship or grant got reversed, does this have anything to do with the class(es) I dropped?

It could be related but other factors may have affected your awards as well. Dropping **on or before** the census date could result in an adjustment of your financial aid awards. If you are no longer meeting enrollment criteria, your awards could be reduced or cancelled leaving you with an account balance.

My scholarship or grant is renewable. If I drop a class, how can I make up the hours?

If you are the recipient of a scholarship or grant that is renewable, you could still remain eligible for the next academic year by making up the hours in the Summer sessions. However, if you already lost the award for the current term, the only way to regain that award would be to get an appeal approved.

For example:

- If you receive Texas Grant, you must complete 24 hours every academic year. If you drop courses during Fall and/or Spring, you may use the Summer sessions to make up the hours to reach the 24 required. If this is your situation, don’t forget to submit the Summer Notification to request aid.
- If you receive a scholarship that has a “number of hours passed” requirement, you may also enroll in the Summer to make up the remaining hours.

Will my GPA be affected if I drop classes?

No, classes dropped or withdrawn have no effect on your GPA. However, for Financial Aid purposes, drops and withdrawals after census date do matter. They will affect your [Satisfactory Academic Progress](#) (SAP) completion rate also known as “pace”.

Will the dropped or withdrawn class(es) remain on my transcript? If so, how would they show?

If you drop or withdraw **before** census date, the classes will not appear on the transcript.

If you drop a course **after** the census date, the dropped course will get a grade of "DR". The "DR" grade will not count towards your GPA.

A withdrawal **after** census date will result in a grade of "W" for each class withdrawn, which also does not count towards your GPA.

If I have to drop or withdraw my classes due to circumstances beyond my control, can I do something about it later?

If you are experiencing major situations such as a death in the family, a severe illness, a military assignment, just to name a few, you may be able to submit documentation to appeal the six-course drop count, tuition and/or withdrawal. There is a deadline for those type of academic appeals. It is no later than 30 calendar days after the beginning of the following semester. Be aware that Financial Aid may have different deadlines for appeals.

I was told I couldn't drop any more classes, why is that?

You may have reached the six-course drop limit. Students who have enrolled in a Texas public institution of higher education as a first-time freshman in fall 2007 or later are permitted to drop no more than **(6) six courses** during their entire undergraduate career. This limit includes all transfer work taken at a Texas public institution of higher education. Check the View Holds section in ASSIST under the Student Account area to see the amount of drops you have remaining.

What happens if I reached the six-course drop limit and I need to drop a class?

If the limit has been reached, you will no longer be allowed to drop a class after the census date. You will get the grade that was earned for that course. If you are struggling with a class, we recommend you take advantage of some of our resources such as the [Writing Center](#) or tutoring through the [Learning Assistance Center](#).

If I need to drop a class that has a lab, would that count as two drops?

Classes that have a lab with the same course number, for example BIOL **1406**, are counted as **one** class and **one** drop. Classes that have a lab with a different course number, for example CHEM **1311** and CHEM **1111**, are counted as **two** classes and therefore, **two** drops.

Why am I not able to drop a course online?

Students that have registration holds are not able to drop courses online. They must contact U Central for assistance with the drop. Some of the most common registration holds that would prevent you from dropping a course online are the Emergency Loan hold, Advisement hold, and Account balance of \$500 or more hold. Please contact the appropriate office to have those holds resolved.

Why is there a hold on my account showing the number of drops I have left? Does this keep me from dropping or registering?

Most undergraduate students have a hold that indicates their remaining drops, such hold doesn't prevent registration. The hold is placed for informational purposes only as an effort to notify students of the number of drops they have left, this is in accordance with the six-course drop limit rules. See example below:

View Holds						
Please note that some holds are sensitive and may not display on this page.						
Administrative Holds						
Hold Type	From Date	To Date	Amount	Reason	Originator	Processes Affected
2 Drops out of 6	Remain Apr 06, 2016	Dec 31, 2099		State Drop Limit		

If I withdraw, will my six-course drop counter be affected?

No, when you withdraw, the courses you are withdrawing from are not counted as drops. If you withdraw after the census date, you will earn a grade of "W" for each course you withdraw.

If I withdraw from the university, can I come back?

Of course! We understand that life happens. When you are ready to come back, you may be asked to reapply for admissions if you were absent at least two semesters. If you were only absent one semester, you may just have to resolve any pending holds before you are able to register for classes. Graduate students, please check with the Graduate College for readmission policies.