

Withdrawals

If you have never withdrawn from a course before, here are some things you need to consider:

Withdrawing from classes can affect your eligibility for all types of financial aid. Below are some of the rules that relate to disbursement of aid:

1. You must make satisfactory academic progress toward a degree, by federal regulation, this means you must successfully complete 67% of the courses you register for each year. Only the grades of A, B, C, D, or S count as the successful completion of a course.
2. You must have completed your degree by the time you have attempted 150% of the hours required for the degree. In other words, if your degree requires 120 semester hours you should have a degree by the time you have attempted the equivalent of 180 semester hours.

Attempted hours include all W's and failed courses as well as all courses passed.

3. If you are a HOPE scholarship recipient you are limited to 127 hours of attempted work, which includes all W's.
4. You must be enrolled at least half time (6 hours for undergraduate, 5 hours for graduate students) at the time of disbursement to receive Federal DirectLoan funds. This means that if you are scheduled to receive a disbursement at mid-term, or if your loan cannot be disbursed until 30 days into the semester and you drop below half time you cannot receive these delayed disbursements. This could leave you owing fees for the term.
5. There is a limit of 5 withdrawals for your entire career at VSU.

The withdrawal policy is available for review on page 88 of the current VSU catalog or at <http://www.valdosta.edu/administration/finance-admin/financial-services/students/services/refunds-and-withdrawals.php>. Please feel free to contact the Registrar's Office if you have any questions.