

Retroactive Withdrawal Appeal

Overview

University policy allows for numerous withdrawal (WD) options over the course of a semester. Fall and Spring full semester options are as follows (*for summer dates or fall/spring 1st and 2nd session dates, see [Academic Calendar](#)*).

- *Last day to drop a class with a W - last day of classes*
- *Last day for Total Withdrawal (all Ws) - last day of classes*

In submitting this appeal application, you are requesting an exception to this policy. Therefore, this application must also include a personal statement and supporting documentation (see below) explaining why you did not take advantage of one of the established withdrawal options. Your personal statement (but not your documentation) may be shared with the instructor(s) of the course(s) you are appealing. Your appeal will be reviewed by the Appeals Committee, which since its inception in 2002 has been charged by the Undergraduate Council with the task of reviewing retroactive WD appeals.

Additional Considerations

- Only grades of *F, NC, or I* will be considered for the appeal.
- Applications must be submitted within a calendar year of the "F" grade.
- You may appeal for retroactive WD for courses taken in only one semester. The Committee will not review appeals for courses from more than one semester.
- You may submit a retroactive WD appeal no more than once per academic career. The Committee will not review subsequent WD appeal submissions.
- Applications must be submitted and reviewed before the undergraduate degree is confirmed.
- From Fall 2020 onward, students are allowed **six career W's** until graduation. Each granted retroactive WD counts among those six if the course took place after Summer 2011. After the six are exhausted, no retro WD appeals will be considered.
- See the [Undergraduate Catalog](#) for all policies related to withdrawals.
- If a granted appeal would put you below 12 credit hours for the term you are appealing please contact [One Stop](#) to see how the appeal might affect your financial aid (grants, loans, and/or scholarships including the HOPE).

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (MI)

Student ID: 000-_____-_____- Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ Current Major: _____

Your UT email address: _____@vols.utk.edu Alternate email address: _____

1. Course Information: List your course information below.

Course Name	Course No.	Semester & Year	Last Date of Course Attendance

2. Personal Statement: Submit a typed personal statement explaining your reasons for appealing for retroactive WD, the extenuating circumstances that impacted your ability to perform in the class(es), and why you did not withdraw by the deadline during the term. Your course instructor(s) may receive a copy of this statement.

3. Supporting Documentation: Submit statements and/or documentation from UT faculty/staff or other professionals (doctor, counselor, etc.) confirming the timeline and circumstances you described in your personal statement. Proper documentation includes letters on company letterhead and official reports (police reports, death notices, etc.).

4. Instructor Input: The Appeals Committee may share your personal statement (but not your documentation) with your instructor(s), and request from the instructor(s) your approximate last date of attendance and her/his input regarding the appeal.

By signing and dating below:

- I acknowledge that all information I have provided is true and correct.
- I grant permission for the Appeals Committee to share my personal statement with the course instructor(s), and to request and review any documents on file by sources I have revealed in my appeal, including my instructor(s), or by sources that submit a statement of support.
- I understand that furnishing false information to the University with the intent to deceive can result in expulsion from the University or any lesser penalty (see standards of conduct, student's rights and responsibilities as explained in [Hilltopics](#)).

This application is not considered complete until the Committee receives your application, personal statement, and documentation.

Signature

Date

Submit application materials using your UTK email to the Academic Success Center.

**Email: academicsuccess@utk.edu
Phone: (865) 974-6641**