University Policy 3170

Limit on the Number of Withdrawals

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Responsible Party
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, (208) 426-1212
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Scope and Audience
This policy applies to all University students.

Additional Authority
University Policy 3190 (Course Repetition – GPA Relationship)

1. Policy Purpose
   To limit the number of withdrawals (W’s) a student may accrue in an academic program.

2. Policy Statement
   Boise State University recognizes that students may occasionally need to drop a course. Students are allowed a maximum number of withdrawals (W’s) for any one course and/or a maximum number of W’s associated with the completion of a degree.
3. Responsibilities and Procedures

3.1 Guidelines

a. Students may accrue up to ten (10) withdrawals for a baccalaureate degree and up to five (5) for an associate degree. Any “W’s” received in an associate degree program count toward the 10 allowed for the baccalaureate degree program.

b. Withdrawals from co-requisite courses (lecture/lab) will count as one “W,” unless the co-requisite courses are two separate courses.

c. Any withdrawal grade (W) given as a result of a complete withdrawal will not count toward the ten total allowed or the two allowed per course.

d. Once a student has exhausted the number of “W’s” allowed, the student may be removed from their major.

e. Students may earn an additional ten W’s toward a second baccalaureate degree or an additional five W’s toward an additional associate degree.

f. “W’s” earned prior to Spring 2014 semester are not counted toward the number allowed.

Revision History