

WHAT'S WITH ALL THOSE W'S?



Thinking about withdrawing from a course?
Read this first, and then talk to your professor and advisor.



Important: If you get *any* of these grades for a required course, you'll have to **retake that course**. This could mean you'll be in school longer, pay more, and delay transfer. Plus, W's on your transcript may be a **red flag** to some four-year schools.

| | Grade | What does it mean? | Affects My GPA? | Shows on Transcript? | Financial Aid Pays for Course?* | Impact on My Transfer Goals |
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| YOU decide to withdraw | WD | You officially withdraw by Sept. 25, 2025 | No | No | Usually | Retake Course Delay Transfer |
| | W | You officially withdraw by Nov. 10, 2025 | No | Yes | Usually | Retake Course Delay Transfer Potential Red Flag |
| The SCHOOL counts you as withdrawn | WA | If you do not show proof of required immunizations, LAGCC gives this grade in all courses | No | Yes | Aid stops after 30 days if you don't show proof | Retake Course Delay Transfer |
| | WU | You unofficially "withdraw" by having excessive absences or by not taking the final | No, as of Fall 2021, but it affects your academic progress | Yes | Aid may be recalculated for the semester | Retake Course Delay Transfer Potential Red Flag |
| | WN | If you never attended the course by Sept. 25, 2025 , LAGCC gives this grade | No | No | No. Aid returned for non-attendance. | Retake Course Delay Transfer Potential Red Flag |

* Please note: Financial aid eligibility is reviewed at the end of the semester and may be adjusted for satisfactory academic progress. Individual student cases may vary. Please contact your advisor or Financial Aid office for more info.

Don't Waste Your Financial Aid!

Get support from professors and advisors

- Federal and state financial aid (Pell and TAP) cover a limited # of semesters. If you withdraw from courses, you may have less aid available for your bachelor's degree.
- Talk to your professor and advisor if you're having trouble in a course or are concerned about class attendance.

Academic Advising

Contact your advisor and make an appointment.

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