

# ACADEMIC POLICIES

## ATTENDANCE POLICIES

### Course Enrollment: Adding Classes

A student may add classes throughout the registration period via Corsair Connect at [smc.edu/cc](http://smc.edu/cc). After the registration period concludes, classes may only be added by formal request from the student to the Dean of Enrollment Services (or designee) by a Petition for Special Consideration stating the extenuating circumstances justifying the late enrollment, and signed by the instructor. The decision to grant or deny the petition will be made by the Dean of Enrollment Services (or designee). The student must provide evidence of class attendance from the time the class started until the date of late enrollment.

Instructors may also issue a student a late enrollment authorization code, which the student will use to add the class via Corsair Connect.

Instructors may reinstate a dropped student by issuing a reinstatement authorization code to the student, which the student can then use to add the class via Corsair Connect.

It is the student's responsibility to confirm enrollment. A student who fails to enroll by the applicable deadline may not receive credit for the class. It is the instructor's responsibility to ensure that students attending are officially enrolled.

### Attendance and Instructor Request to Drop a Student

A student enrolled in any class at SMC who does not attend (or if an online class, actively participate in) ALL of the sessions for that class that meet during the FIRST WEEK of the class RISKS BEING DROPPED from the class by the instructor, or may receive an F (0.0) or NP (No Pass) for nonattendance. An instructor may also withdraw a student later in the term for excessive absences or nonparticipation (if enrolled in an online class).

A student may also be dropped from a class when, in the instructor's judgment, the student's number of absences has become excessive or the student is no longer participating in the course. In the case of online and hybrid classes, this includes failing to substantively participate in the class during the first week and throughout the course. Faculty will determine the consequences of absences and late arrivals.

A student who is dropped from a class between the refund deadline and the 75% mark of the class (listed as the deadline for a Guaranteed "W" on the class schedule at the student's Corsair Connect account) will receive a grade of W (Withdrawal), and units for the class will be included as "enrolled units" on the student's transcript. Students who are dropped from a course after the 75% mark may request a late withdrawal by submitting a Petition for Late Withdrawal to the Admissions Office. The Admissions & Records Special Considerations Committee will determine whether the request can be granted. Students also have the option to request on the petition to be granted an Excused Withdrawal (described below). Instructors will assign students who have not officially withdrawn from a class by the deadline a grade of A (4.0), B (3.0), C (2.0), D (1.0), F (0.0), or — if they are enrolled in courses offered on a Pass/No Pass basis or have petitioned to take a course on a Pass/No Pass basis — a grade of P (Pass) or NP (No Pass).

For details, students should go to Corsair Connect at [smc.edu/cc](http://smc.edu/cc) and click on the class schedule.

### Attendance and Student Request to Withdraw from Classes

A student enrolled in any SMC class MUST ATTEND ALL of the sessions of that class that meet DURING THE FIRST WEEK of the class or RISK BEING DROPPED from the class by the instructor. A student may be dropped from a class when, in the instructor's judgment, the student's number of absences has become excessive or the student is no longer participating in the course. Since attendance is essential for normal progress in a class, a student is expected to be in class regularly and on time. Faculty will determine the consequences of absences and late arrivals.

A student who drops a class between the refund deadline and the 75% mark of the class (listed as the deadline for a Guaranteed "W" on the class schedule at the student's Corsair Connect account) will receive a grade of W (Withdrawal), and units for the class will be included as "enrolled units" on the student's transcript.

### The last official day to drop will be at the 75th percentile of the class.

Students should review their Corsair Connect account for their specific dates and deadlines. All students who have NOT withdrawn by this deadline will receive a grade of A (4.0), B (3.0), C (2.0), D (1.0), F (0.0), or — if they are enrolled in courses offered on a Pass/No Pass basis or have petitioned to take a course on a Pass/No Pass basis — a grade of P (Pass) or NP (No Pass). Specific drop dates are noted next to each enrolled class listed in the student's Corsair Connect account. Students who must drop a course after the 75% mark may request a late withdrawal by submitting a Petition for Late Withdrawal to the Admissions Office. The Admissions & Records Special Considerations Committee will determine whether the request can be granted. Students also have the option to request on the petition to be granted an Excused Withdrawal (described below). A student may petition for late withdrawal after the 75th percentile of the semester or session if in the instructor's judgment there are extenuating circumstances, such as verified cases of an accident, military obligation, or other circumstances beyond the control of the student. The student must file a Petition for Late Withdrawal in the Admissions Office, and obtain the approval of the instructors involved and the Dean of Enrollment Services prior to the end of the term. If the petition is approved, the resulting grade will be a W, unless the student qualifies for an Excused Withdrawal (EW). Students who have completed the course including taking the final or submitting final projects are NOT eligible for a late withdrawal. In those cases the student should meet with the instructor if they wish to contest their grade, as a Withdrawal is no longer an option.

**Specific information about these dates and deadlines** can be found by viewing the student's class schedule at Corsair Connect ([smc.edu/cc](http://smc.edu/cc)).

**Requests for Retroactive/Late Withdrawal:** Retroactive/late withdrawals from classes are normally not permitted. However, these may be granted under certain limited circumstances. To be eligible for a retroactive/late withdrawal, the student may request to withdraw from a class by submitting a Special Consideration Petition ONLY if there are extenuating, documented, and verifiable circumstances to justify withdrawal from a class — and to justify requesting such a withdrawal retroactively — in order for a retroactive withdrawal request to be considered. *A retroactive/late withdrawal cannot be used as a way to remedy poor academic performance in a class.* Students must file the petition in the Admissions Office no more than 90 calendar days after the end of the term in which they were enrolled in the course. If the petition is approved, the resulting grade will be a W.

**Excused Withdrawals:** An Excused Withdrawal (EW) may be granted when a student must withdraw from one or more courses due to specific events beyond the control of the student that affect the student's ability to complete the course(s). The student must submit a Late Withdrawal Petition and accompanying supporting documentation to the Admissions Office. The Admissions & Records Special Considerations Committee will render a decision once the petition and documentation have been reviewed. The EW shall not be counted in (1) progress probation and dismissal calculations, and (2) will not count against the permitted number of withdrawals or enrollment attempts in a given course. As a result, students with an Excused Withdrawal (EW) may repeat the course(s) from which they have withdrawn. The EW may be issued effective summer 2018 and cannot be applied retroactively for prior terms. Enrollment, tuition, Health Services, SMC student I.D., A.S. Resource, and Student Representation fees will not be refunded.