FACTORS TO CONSIDER WHEN DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT TO DROP A CLASS

Financial Aid



- Current scholarships and grants
- Future financial aid eligibility
- Financial aid satisfactory academic progress (www.gvsu.edu/financialaid/sap)
- Federal loan and Pell Grant limits





- Will I owe a balance to GVSU?
- Will I have enough financial aid left to finish my degree?
- How much will it cost me to retake this class?

Academic Requirements



- Is the course required for your major or the Gen Ed program?
- Will it affect your admission to your major/school/graduate program?
- Is it a prerequisite for other courses, especially those you are registered for in the following semester(s)?
- Are you passing the course?

Reasons for Dropping



- Changing your major
- CLEP/AP/ previous credit
- Performance in other courses
- Time demands, work or other activities
- Health concerns
- Low grade
- Personal challenges



Examine Study Habits



Consult the Student
Academic Success Center



Will you be short of credits for full-time status or for graduation?

If yes, Explore Alternatives



Alternatives:

- Credit by CLEP exam
- Add a late starting class
- Take an online course elsewhere
- Take a spring/summer course
- If the majority of your coursework has been completed and you are dropping due to significant illness or personal issues, is an incomplete an option? (See professor)

Other Items to Consider



- Athletic eligibility
- International student-Visa or program requirements
- Greek Life requirements
- Veteran's Benefits



Does it result in the establishment of a pattern of dropping courses?



Discuss with your advisor:

- 1. Manageable courseload
- 2. Demands of non-academic commitments
- 3. Available Support Services
- 4. Major choice
- 5. Career goals

Course Grade Assessment:

- Have you checked with your professor?
- What grade do you currently have?
- Are you accurately calculating your grade and/or GPA?
- What criteria is your final grade based upon?
- How many exams/assignments remain?
- Other factors?

If You Do Decide To Drop A Course:

- 1. If you receive any type of financial aid, ALWAYS check with Financial Aid first. Contact the Financial Aid Office at 616-331-3234 or email at finaid@gvsu.edu or visit the office in 100 Student Services Building.
- 2. Notify the professor.
- 3. See advisor to modify/update your academic plan.
- 4. If you plan to repeat the course, thoughtfully analyze what you need to change to be successful the second time around.
- 5. Drop the course via myBanner or visit the Records Office in 150 Student Services Building.
- 6. Check your transcript to make sure the course is noted as dropped. Dropped courses remain on your transcript with a "W" for "Withdrawal" in the grade column and do not factor into your GPA.