

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO GET A “W”?

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What is a “W”

- ▣ The “W” is the designation used when you Withdraw from a course.
 - “W”s appear the day after the Drop/Swap deadline
 - Your class stays on your schedule and your grade report; instead of earning an A, B, C, D, or F – there will be a “W”
 - You still have to pay for the course when you withdraw.
 - You have until the Withdrawal Deadline to withdraw from a course. After that deadline – you’re in the course until the end.

What is a “W”

- ▣ The “W” is the designation used when you Withdraw from a course.
 - A student may withdraw from courses:
 - ▣ using myUCF at <https://my.ucf.edu> >Student Self-Service>Student Center>Enroll>drop/withdraw, and clicking on the term you are in
 - ▣ visiting the Registrar’s Office (MH 161), certain college advising offices or a Regional Campus records office, signing the request and providing photo identification
 - ▣ by fax at 407-823-5652; faxed requests must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the last day to withdraw, include the student’s identification number, the course(s) from which to be withdrawn and his or her signature.
 - ▣ By mailing a written request to the Registrar’s Office, P.O. Box 160114, Orlando, FL 32816-0114; letter must be time-stamped or postmarked before the published withdrawal deadline, include the student’s identification number, the course(s) from which to be withdrawn and his or her signature.

What is a “W”

▣ Do “W”s look bad on a transcript?

<u>Course</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Attempt</u>	<u>Earned</u>	<u>Grde</u> From To	<u>Typ</u>	<u>Points</u>
Summer 2010 (05/17/2010 to 08/06/2010)		Appointment Window: 04/02/2010 02.10 PM				
Freshman Catalog Year	Undecided, Sciences Summer 2010					
ANT 2511 B002	THE HUMAN SPECIES	3.00	3.00	A-		11.250
MUH 2017 B001	SURVEY OF ROCK MUSIC	3.00	3.00	D+		3.750
Totals for GPA		Attempt	Earned	Points		GPA
Term / UCF Cumulative		6.00	6.00	15.00		2.500
Fall 2010 (08/23/2010 to 12/13/2010)		Appointment Window: 04/02/2010 11.00 AM				
Freshman Catalog Year	Undecided, Sciences Summer 2010					
AMH 2010 0011	U.S. HISTORY: 1492-1	3.00	3.00	B-		8.250
ENC 1101 0113	COMPOSITION I	3.00	3.00	B-		8.250
MAC 1105 0025	COLLEGE ALGEBRA	3.00	3.00	C		6.000
PSY 2012 0001	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY	3.00	3.00	B		9.000
Totals for GPA		Attempt	Earned	Points		GPA
Term		12.00	12.00	31.50		2.625
UCF Cumulative		18.00	18.00	46.50		2.583
Spring 2011 (01/10/2011 to 05/02/2011)		Appointment Window: 11/09/2010 12.00 PM				
Freshman Catalog Year	Undecided, Sciences Summer 2010					
AMH 2020 0002	U.S. HISTORY: 1877-P	3.00	3.00	B		9.000
ECO 2023 0003	PRINCIPLES OF MICROE	3.00	3.00	C		6.000
ENC 1102 0116	COMPOSITION II	3.00	3.00	B		9.000
MAC 1140 0003	Pre-Calculus Algebra	3.00	0.00	W		

One “W” doesn’t look so bad . . .



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□ Do “W”s look bad on a transcript?

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Freshman	Undecided, Sciences			04/02/2010	02.10 PM	
Catalog Year	Summer 2010					
ANT 2511	B002 THE HUMAN SPECIES	3.00	3.00	A-		11.250
MUH 2017	B001 SURVEY OF ROCK MUSIC	3.00	3.00	D+		3.750
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Fall 2010 (08/23/2010 to 12/13/2010)				Appointment Window:		
Freshman	Undecided, Sciences			04/02/2010	11.00 AM	
Catalog Year	Summer 2010					
AMH 2010	0011 U.S. HISTORY: 1492-1	3.00	3.00	B-		8.250
ENC 1101	0113 COMPOSITION I	3.00	0.00	W		
MAC 1105	0025 COLLEGE ALGEBRA	3.00	0.00	W		
PSY 2012	0001 GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY	3.00	0.00	W		
Totals for GPA		Attempt	Earned	Points		GPA
Term UCF Cumulative		12.00	3.00	8.250		2.75
Spring 2011 (01/10/2011 to 05/02/2011)				Appointment Window:		
Freshman	Undecided, Sciences			11/09/2010	12.00 PM	
Catalog Year	Summer 2010					
AMH 2020	0002 U.S. HISTORY: 1877-P	3.00	0.00	W		
ECO 2023	0003 PRINCIPLES OF MICROE	3.00	0.00	W		
ENC 1102	0116 COMPOSITION II	3.00	0.00	W		
MAC 1140	0003 Pre-Calculus Algebra	3.00	0.00	W		

Multiple “W”s may be cause for concern.

What is a “W”

- ▣ Do ‘W’s look bad on a transcript?
 - One W here and there does not necessarily look bad. People who review transcripts will look at that and see that the student may have had to get out of that particular course for reasons beyond their control.
 - Multiple withdrawals, especially occurring semester after semester, will make reviewers concerned. They may ask the student what was going on at that point in their life and have they resolved those issues.

What is a “W”

- ▣ Does a “W” affect my Financial Aid?
 - From the Office of Student Financial Assistance
<http://finaid.ucf.edu/general/faqall.html>:
 - ▣ Yes, it might. The SFA office is required to monitor a student's grade performance, check completion of hours and make sure a student stays within a time frame for seeking a degree. A student would want to make themselves familiar with their academic progress policies and seek counseling immediately from the SFA office if they have an academic progress concern.

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- ▣ Does a “W” affect my Bright Futures?
- ▣ From the Office of Student Financial Assistance
http://finaid.ucf.edu/scholarships/bf_awards.html:
- ▣ **Effective beginning 2009-2010, institutions are required to recalculate Bright Futures awards when a student withdraws from one or more classes**
- ▣ Students whose awards are already disbursed will owe the funds back to UCF for classes that are withdrawn or dropped
- ▣ Students must pay for withdrawn hours even though his/her Bright Futures does not cover the hours
- ▣ Failure to pay back the university will result in being on hold from registration, not receiving grades, and endanger future eligibility for Bright Futures.

What is a “W”

- ▣ Does a “W” affect my Educational Benefits?
 - ▣ Yes, it might. The VA office is required to monitor a student's grade performance, check completion of hours and make sure a student vet stays within a time frame for seeking a degree. A student vet would want to make themselves familiar with academic progress policies and seek counseling immediately from the Veteran Services office if they have an academic progress concern.

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- ▣ Does a “W” affect my Educational Benefits?
 - If you withdraw from one or more of your courses after the end of the school's drop period, the VA may reduce or stop your benefits on the date of reduction or withdrawal.
 - You may have to repay all benefits for the course unless you can show that the change was due to mitigating circumstances.
 - VA defines "mitigating circumstances" as unavoidable and unexpected events that directly interfere with your pursuit of a course and are beyond your control, such as military orders or medical emergency situations

What is a “W”

- ▣ Important Resources
 - Student Financial Assistance
 - ▣ Millican Hall room 120
 - ▣ <http://finaid.ucf.edu/>
 - Veteran Services
 - ▣ VARC
 - ▣ <http://www.va.ucf.edu/>
 - Academic Advisors
 - ▣ All over campus
 - ▣ http://advising.sdes.ucf.edu/?id=adv_offices

What is a “W”

- ▣ Questions?
 - Contact your Academic Advisor
 - ▣ http://advising.sdes.ucf.edu/?id=adv_offices
 - Contact Student Financial Assistance
 - ▣ <http://finaid.ucf.edu/>
 - Contact a Certifying Official at the VARC
 - ▣ 407-823-2707

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