TAKING TIME OFF

Impacts on Financial Aid & Merit Scholarship Eligibility
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please do NOT put any sensitive information in the Chat or Q&A. Any questions that contain personal information should be sent directly to sfs@temple.edu with your 9 digit TU ID.

- This webinar will be recorded and available on our website, https://sfs.temple.edu/about/sfs-webinars, shortly after the presentation.

- Question and Answer session after the presentation - please type your question into the Q&A feature.
AGENDA

- Request to Defer Admission
- Leave of Absence
- Drop Delete
- Types of Withdrawals
- Satisfactory Academic Progress standard considerations
- Pennsylvania State Grant considerations
- Question and Answer session
Deferring Your Admission
Impact on Financial Aid & Merit Scholarship Eligibility
REQUEST TO DEFER ADMISSION

- Admitted students who have deposited can seek to defer their admission for up to one year for reasons that do not include the completion of college-level credits elsewhere.
- Examples of deferring admission:
  - To complete religious, volunteer or military service or for unplanned medical circumstances.
- Admitted students will not be approved to defer their admission to attend another college or university or apply to another college or university while holding their space at Temple University.

- Please check with Admissions office for any Request to Defer deadline.
- Steps to Defer Admission:
  - Deposited students interested in deferral must complete a deferred enrollment request form via TUportal and provide a final high school or college transcript.
  - Students must confirm their major and when they plan to enroll.
  - Students must also confirm their contact information.
  - The Admissions office will email out a decision on submitted Request to Defer form.
REQUEST TO DEFER FORM THROUGH TUPORTAL

This form is to be completed by you if you seek to defer your admission to a subsequent year for reasons that do not include the completion of college-level credits elsewhere. You may defer your admission to complete religious, volunteer or military service or for unplanned medical circumstances. You will not be approved to defer your enrollment to attend another college or university or apply to another college or university while holding your space at Temple University.

If you are interested in deferral you must complete our brief deferred enrollment request form below and provide a final high school or college transcript. Additionally, if you are a US citizen or permanent resident and want to be considered for financial aid you will need to complete a new Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the appropriate academic year, as applicable.

I am requesting deferral from term to *

Please select a term

Please tell us your plans for your deferral period *

Specify objectives and relevant dates

When I enroll at Temple, I am intending to major in *

Undeclared/Health Professions

My email address is (Change if needed) *

My permanent address is (Change if needed) *
Students who submit a Request to Defer form should see confirmation that their form has been submitted.
DEFER ADMISSION

Impact on Temple Academic Merit scholarship

- New incoming students approved for deferral to Spring 2022 or Fall 2022 can retain their Temple Academic Merit scholarship as long as they do not attend another institution in the interim.
- For scholarships awarded by your academic program/school, please check with school.
DEFER ADMISSION

Impacts on your financial aid offer

- If a student is approved to defer to spring 2022, they will receive a new spring only financial aid offer.
- Spring 2022 financial aid offers for spring incoming first-year and transfer students will begin to be processed in November.
- Financial aid funding is re-evaluated based on a student’s eligibility.
- SFS recommends students reach out to discuss the impact of deferring their admission on any current grants.
- Students deferring to Fall 2022 will need to submit the 2022-23 FAFSA by Temple’s 2022-23 priority deadline (February 1st, 2022) and will be evaluated for aid eligibility for the 2022-23 academic year.
Leave of Absence
Continuing/Returning Students
LEAVE OF ABSENCE (LOA) - CONTINUING STUDENTS

- **Definition**: Allows an active student to interrupt enrollment without having to apply for re-enrollment and without changing the requirements of their degree programs.
  - A degree-seeking student who does not register for consecutive semesters and is not on a LOA must apply for re-enrollment. They will be subject to the newest degree requirements.
- Incoming first-year or transfer students would need to submit a request to defer. The Leave of Absence process is for continuing students and processed by the Office of the University Registrar.
- International students who seek a LOA must seek additional advising from Temple's International Student and Scholar Services office.
- Full-time returning students may apply for a Leave of Absence (LOA) through the end of the drop/add period of any given semester through the TU Portal on the Students Tool Tab.
LEAVE OF ABSENCE (LOA)

- Full-time returning students can submit a LOA request by logging into TU Portal and clicking the Student Tool tab.
- Navigate to the University Forms section (on Student Tools tab) and click Filter by Office.
**LEAVE OF ABSENCE (LOA)**

1. Select the University Registrar under Office/Description.
2. Click on Leave of Absence link.
Leave of Absence

Impact on Merit Scholarship eligibility

- Temple Academic Merit scholarships require consecutive full-time enrollment.
- Students taking a LOA can appeal to have their Temple Academic Merit scholarship reinstated, see the web form on SFS Policies site.
- Example exceptions include:
  - Military service LOA
  - Medical LOA
  - Excused Medical Withdrawal
  - LOA to complete a documented, approved internship or co-op experience
Leave of Absence
Impact on Financial Aid

- There is no guarantee the grant funding on the initial aid offer will be available for the spring semester following the fall LOA.
- Students returning in spring 2022 are re-evaluated for financial aid eligibility.
- SFS recommends students reach out to discuss the impact of a LOA on any current grants.
- Fly-in-4 grant recipients should check with advising to see if they can meet the FIF checkpoints if taking a LOA.
- Students returning from a LOA in Fall 2022 will need to submit the 2022-23 FAFSA by Temple’s 2022-23 priority deadline (February 1st, 2022) and will be evaluated for aid eligibility for the 2022-23 academic year.
Leave of Absence

Impact on Financial Aid

- **Impact on Student Loans:**
  - Students granted LOAs are not considered registered students.
  - Not eligible for financial aid disbursements during the semesters while on LOA.
  - All financial aid should be cancelled within 30 days of the LOA filing deadline.
  - Students are reported to lenders and loan service agencies as "not enrolled" and need to contact lenders for information on possible repayment requirements.
    - Federal Loans - visit Studentaid.gov
    - Private Loans - contact Loan Lender directly for more info

- Student employment or work study will be terminated for the terms student is on LOA.
DROP DELETION OF ALL COURSES FOR THE SEMESTER

- **Drop Definition** - An action taken by the student or advisor to remove or unenroll the student from the course(s) that removes the course(s) from the student’s transcript.
- A student is not financially responsible for dropped courses.
- Students have the ability to drop courses from the time in which they are enrolled in a course through the end of the add/drop period for each term.
  - Check your course for any different Parts Of Term courses - may have a different add/drop deadline.
  - Drop and Withdrawal deadlines are published for each semester and summer session on the [Temple Academic Calendar](https://www.temple.edu) from the Registrar.
Drop Deletion

Impact on Merit Scholarship Eligibility

- Students that are not enrolled full-time will forfeit their Temple Academic Merit scholarship eligibility.
- Temple Academic Merit scholarship policy is listed on the [SFS Policies site](#).
Drop Deletion

Impact on Financial Aid

- All aid is subject to a reduction or full cancellation.
- If you receive any kind of refund, do not spend it. The student will likely owe the refund money back to Temple University.
- Evaluated approximately within 30 days from when a student dropped all courses for the semester.
- Students are reported to lenders and loan service agencies as "not enrolled" and need to contact lenders for information on possible repayment requirements.
  - Federal Loans - visit Studentaid.gov
  - Private Loans - contact Loan Lender Directly for More info
- Students will be required to re-enroll if registration is canceled for either fall or spring semesters.
Withdrawals
WITHDRAWAL

- **Definition** - the process of discontinuing enrollment in scheduled/registered course(s) after the add/drop period ended.
- The course(s) is recorded on the student’s transcript.
- Students are still financially responsible for courses from which they have withdrawn.
- Check the [Temple Academic Calendar](#) for last date to Withdrawal for the semester.
- Certain Parts of Term (module courses) may have unique last date to Withdrawal.
- Financial aid will be reviewed for possible adjustment if a student does not earn any credits for the semester.

- **Three Types of Withdrawals:**
  - Official - student initiated through SSB. The course is recorded on the transcript with the notation of "W."
  - Excused - student initiates with an advisor/program coordinator in their School/College. The course is recorded on the transcript with the notation of "WE" grade.
  - Unofficial - Student does not receive ANY "earned" grades and stop attending all of their classes without officially withdrawing. All courses are recorded on the transcript (i.e Fs, Ws, NC, etc.,).
WITHDRAWING FROM ALL SEMESTER COURSES

- To remain eligible for federal student aid during the semester, the student must be attending classes, taking exams and completing required course work.
- Federal Regulations require the University to calculate a return of Title IV (Federal) Funds calculation for students who withdrawal (official, unofficial or excused) from all classes on or before the 60 percent attendance point in the semester and for students who withdraw from any module-based courses.
- The calculation required determines a student’s earned and unearned Title IV aid based on the percentage of the enrollment period completed by the student.
- Until a student has passed the 60% point of an enrollment period, only a portion of the student’s aid has been earned. A student who remains enrolled beyond the 60% point is considered to have earned all awarded aid for the enrollment period.
- A student who withdraws from all courses for a semester in which Federal Aid was utilized is subject to a return/cancellation of their unearned Federal Aid and may still owe the University for the course(s).
- The Return of Title IV funding policies govern only the amount of Federal Aid that must be returned in the case of a withdrawal. Earned aid is not related in any way to institutional charges.
WITHDRAWING FROM MODULE COURSES

- The Department of Education has updated regulation regarding federal student aid eligibility when withdrawing from a Module course.
- If a student is planning to drop or withdrawal from a module course, we recommend they meet with SFS to discuss potential aid implications.
OFFICIAL TERM WITHDRAWAL

- Student initiated through SSB/TUportal.
- The courses are recorded on the transcript with the notation of "W."
- A student is financially responsible for courses from which he/she has withdrawn.
- We recommend students reach out to their advisor to discuss taking an official withdrawal.
  - Fly-in-4 grant recipients are strongly encouraged to meet with their advisor before officially withdrawing from any course, as it can affect whether they are meeting the required checkpoints.
OFFICIAL TERM WITHDRAWAL

RETURN OF TITLE IV FUNDS

● Evaluated within 30 days of officially withdrawing from all semester courses.
● Temple uses the date the student provided official notification to withdraw as the withdrawal date in the Return of Title IV Funds Calculation.
● If a student does not earn all of their Federal Aid when they officially withdrawal from all of their semester courses, they may owe a balance to Temple University once any unearned portion of their Federal Aid is cancelled from their account and returned to the Department of Education.

● Temple Academic Merit scholarship: student must be meeting enrollment and cumulative GPA requirements to continue receiving in a future semester.
● Fly-in-4 grant recipients may lose future grant eligibility if they are not meeting required checkpoints.
● Impact on student loans:
  ○ If there is any unearned portion of students loans that is returned to the Department of Education, this lowers a student’s overall debt.
  ○ If a student does not return to at least half-time enrollment the next semester, this can result in possible loan repayment.
WITHDRAWAL WITH APPROVED EXCUSE

- Also known as Excused or Medical Withdrawal
- An approved petition to withdraw from a course due to medical, catastrophic or other circumstances beyond the student’s control. The course is recorded on the transcript with the notation of “WE.”
- A student is financially responsible for courses from which he/she has withdrawn with an approved excuse.
- Students must contact their advisor or program coordinator to apply for an excused withdrawal.
- More information on the excused withdrawal can be found at https://www.temple.edu/registrar/excusedwithdrawal.asp.
WITHDRAWAL WITH APPROVED EXCUSE

RETURN OF TITLE IV FUNDS

● Evaluated within 30 days of approved excuse withdrawal from all semester courses.

● Temple uses the last date of attendance as the withdrawal date in the Return of Title IV Funds Calculation.

● If a student does not earn all of their Federal Aid from the excused withdrawal of all their semester courses, the unearned portion of their Federal Aid will be cancelled from their account and returned to the Department of Education.
  ○ This means the student may owe a balance to Temple University.

● **Temple Academic Merit scholarship**: student must be meeting enrollment and cumulative GPA requirements to continue receiving in a future semester.

● Fly-in-4 grant recipients may lose future grant eligibility if they are not meeting required checkpoints.

● Impact on student loans:
  ○ If there is any unearned portion of students loans that is returned to the Department of Education, this lowers a student’s overall debt.
  ○ If a student does not return to at least half-time enrollment the next semester, this can result in possible loan repayment.
UNOFFICIAL TERM WITHDRAWAL

- If you stop attending all of your classes without officially withdrawing (a.k.a. an unofficial withdrawal), you are considered to be "walking-away." Federal aid you received during the semester will be subject to the federal return calculation based on the effective date of withdrawal.

- The withdrawal date is your last documented date of attendance, as determined by the instructor.
  - The last date of academically related activity as given by a professor is used as the withdrawal date in the Return of Title IV Funds Calculation.
  - If no date is provided for any course, the midpoint date of the semester will be used.

- Evaluated within 30 days of grades for the semester being posted.
UNOFFICIAL TERM WITHDRAWAL

RETURN OF TITLE IV FUNDS

● Evaluated within 30 days of grades for the semester being posted.

● Temple uses the last date of attendance as the withdrawal date in the Return of Title IV Funds Calculation.

● If a student does not earn all of their Federal Aid from their semester courses, the unearned portion of their Federal Aid will be cancelled from their account and returned to the Department of Education.
  ○ This means the student may owe a balance to Temple University.

● Temple Academic Merit scholarship: student must be meeting enrollment and cumulative GPA requirements to continue receiving in a future semester.

● Fly-in-4 grant recipients may lose future grant eligibility if they are not meeting required checkpoints.

● Impact on student loans:
  ○ If there is any unearned portion of students loans that is returned to the Department of Education, this lowers a student’s overall debt.
  ○ If a student does not return to at least half-time enrollment the next semester, this can result in possible loan repayment.
CONSIDERATIONS: IMPACT ON SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

- Your federal student aid eligibility for a future semester may be in jeopardy if you fall below the minimum completion percentage expectation for Satisfactory Academic Progress.

  - **Satisfactory Academic Progress:**
    - Students who have met the **minimum 67%** percentage requirement (cumulative earned credits / cumulative attempted credits = earned percentage), and who are in good academic standing according to University policy (GPA requirement).
    - And who have not exceeded the maximum time frame to complete their degree program (not exceeding 150% of the program’s published length of study).

- Courses with a grade of W or WE **are counted** in the cumulative attempted credit calculation.
  - Full list of grades considered in calculation can be found [here](#).

- Students not meeting the completion percentage expectation for Satisfactory Academic Progress can appeal to SFS to be reviewed for federal student aid eligibility.
  - Instructions for submitting a SAP appeal
  - Please contact SFS to discuss your SAP status, or deadlines.
CONSIDERATIONS: PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANT POLICY

- Excused Withdrawals may affect PA state grant eligibility for the semester.
- Students must maintain PA State Grant academic progress which is different from Federal Title IV financial aid satisfactory academic progress.
- PA State Grant progress is reviewed annually after the spring semester (unless you attend a summer term and receive a summer PA State Grant), and is defined as successfully completing a minimum of 12 new credits for each full-time semester of PHEAA grant received (6 new credits for each half-time semester grant received) during the preceding academic year.
- After students are determined by PHEAA to be eligible for a state grant based on need, the Student Financial Services Office reviews to see if they are maintaining academic progress.
- The University may then need to cancel a grant, even after the initial award is made by PHEAA, if a student is not making academic progress.
- If the student believes that they have grounds to request an exception to this policy, they can complete and submit a State Grant Program Academic Progress Exception Form, www.pheaa.org.
- Grades of "W" or "WE" are NOT counted as credits completed for state grant academic progress.
  - Example: students who takes 12 credits in one semester and withdraw from a class with a grade of "W" (and pass the remaining 9 credits for the semester), will be considered to have completed a maximum of 9 credits, You are, therefore, considered NOT to be making academic progress for purposes of receiving PA State Grant.
QUESTIONS?

Contact SFS

- Email: sfs@temple.edu
- Please include your 9 digit TU ID on any email correspondence.
- We utilize a ticketing system when you contact us and will create a ticket at the time of your call or email. We will then have a professional staff member get back in touch.

Schedule a Phone/Virtual Appointment:

- QLESS
  - Download the QLESS app.
  - Available on both iPhone and Android devices.
  - Enter through the link listed on https://sfs.temple.edu/about/appointments.

- Family Education Rights and Protection Act Waiver
  - In order to provide a waiver of FERPA rights to a specific person, students should follow instructions listed on https://sfs.temple.edu/policies/family-education-al-rights-and-privacy-act.