Thinking of... Dropping or Withdrawing Classes?

Read This!

Reasons – for drops or withdrawals

- Class is too difficult
- Do not understand the concepts
- Didn’t do the assignments/fallen too far behind
- Study habits need improvement
- Unable to pull up grade after the drop date
- Course load was too heavy
- Have a learning disability
- Don’t need this class for Graduation/transfer
- Changed to another section
- Course was not interesting
- Don’t think the class was fair
- Curriculum was not challenging enough
- Language barriers

Help/Resources – for avoiding drops or withdrawals

Academics

- Speak with your professor
- Habits of Mind – to get organized
- Visit Counseling Center for ACADEMIC Counseling and SEP

Help with school work:
- Critical academic skills workshop
- Tutorial/Learning Center
- Writing Center
- Math Lab
- Library
- ACDV 70 Series

- Study Groups
- DSPS: Disability Support Programs and Services
- Specialized services- MESA, EOPS, STEM
- Student Government Association

Financial

- Problems with financial aid coming through
- Have no means of to pay for the course
- Required textbooks are not affordable
- Financial situation changed/need to work more hours
- No longer have a means to pay for transportation
- Lost job

- Speak with your professor
- Financial Aid Office- short term loans, CARE, Cal Works
- EOPS- financial assistance, other support
- Apply for scholarships
- Job placement- for jobs on campus
- Library- Books on reserve

Personal

- Having a family crisis
- Class does not fit in personal schedule
- Decided to take this course elsewhere
- No longer have transportation to attend class
- Have no daycare available
- Personal injury/ Health crisis
- Death in the family
- Placed in active military duty
- Pregnant or about to give birth

- Student Health Center
- DSPS: Disability Support Programs and Services
- Child Development Center
- Public Safety
- Mental Health Services: 6 free sessions/semester
- Renegade Pantry
- Kern Co. Homeless Shelters
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**Dropping** or **Withdrawing** classes?

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**Did you know?**

**Dropping a class:**
- Means that you formally cancel your enrollment
- Classes may only be dropped on or before the drop deadlines located on the BC website ([www.bakersfieldcollege.edu](http://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu)) under important dates

**Withdrawing from a class: MUST be taken very seriously:**
- Means that you formally cancel your enrollment
  - **PLUS** – you will have a “W” recorded on your permanent transcript
  - **AND** – it’s possible that you may not be able to retake the class
- *You may only withdraw between the drop deadline and the withdrawal deadline*

**Beware of DROPS and WITHDRAWALS, because money matters:**
- $ Your may not be able to get your money back for the class
- $ If you receive financial aid, you may need to pay back a portion of the money received
- $ You may not eligible in the future to receive Financial Aid

**Beware of DROPS and WITHDRAWALS, because:**
- It will take you longer to earn a certificate, degree or transfer
- If you miss the drop deadline, you may receive an “F” for the class
- Your record of withdrawals may result in:
  - **PROBATION** – you will need to show immediate improvement in class completion
  - **DISQUALIFICATION** – you may **NOT** be able to take any more classes

Don’t let your time and effort go to waste!

**Deadlines – CHECK the schedule of important dates on BC website**
- **DROP** deadline – typically the end of the 2nd week after the semester begins
- **WITHDRAWAL** deadline – typically the 10th week after the semester begins

**Important:** It is **NOT** the responsibility of your professor to drop students that haven’t been attending class – it **is your** responsibility!

**Counseling Center**  SS – 40  (661) 395-4421
**Financial Aid Office**  SS – 160  (661) 395-4428
**Admissions Office**  A – 7  (661) 395-4301

Still need to DROP or WITHDRAW? Do it correctly:

1. Look for deadline dates in:
   - Inside BC
   - Admissions Office
   - Online at ([www.bakersfieldcollege.edu](http://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu))

2. Drop/withdraw classes online ONLY on or before the deadline
3. After dropping/withdrawing a class, review your status of enrollment to confirm the changes and check for any errors.