



Fall 2022 Leave of Absence and Withdrawal from College Deadlines Approaching

Monday, December 12 is the last day for students to request a fall 2022 leave of absence or withdrawal from college. You must submit the request no later than the deadline to have the leave of absence or withdrawal from college apply to fall 2022.

Get informed! A leave of absence and withdrawal from college have serious academic and financial implications and should only be considered as a last resort.

What is a leave of absence?

A leave of absence is initiated by the student and it is a discontinuation of study for the current or a future semester due to an extenuating circumstance that prevents the student from fulfilling academic responsibilities. Students taking a leave in the current semester receive W grades for all ungraded courses.

Before making this critical decision, you should meet with a trusted advisor, financial aid counselor and if applicable, a medical or mental health professional. College policy states that a leave can be taken for a maximum of two consecutive semesters before the student is withdrawn from college.

[More information?](#)

What does it mean to withdraw from college?

A withdrawal from college is initiated by the student who does not wish to return to New Paltz. A withdrawn student will be blocked from taking any courses at New Paltz and must reapply to Admissions if they change their mind.

Before making this critical decision, you should meet with a trusted advisor, financial aid counselor and if applicable, a medical or mental health professional.

- Is SUNY New Paltz not the right fit for you?
- Do you need to be closer to home?
- Are you not ready for College?
- Are you experiencing financial difficulties?
- Do you need a break or is there something preventing you from focusing?
- Are there any supports that New Paltz offers that might help you remain?

If you intend to return to New Paltz or if you are unsure, **do not withdraw from college**. Consider a leave of absence instead.

[More information?](#)

What happens if I just stop attending?

If you stop **attending a class or classes**, you will receive an F* grade and are considered [unofficially withdrawn](#) from the class or classes. The F* grade will affect your GPA, just like receiving an F.

If you do not register or attend next semester and have not graduated, you are considered on [unofficial leave of absence](#) for the semester. This information is reported to Federal and State agencies. It will also count in determining the number of semesters you have not attended the college. The college policy states that a leave can be taken for a maximum of two consecutive semesters before the student is withdrawn from college.

More information or need help?

Contact the [Office of Records & Registration](#). We are available during business hours, M-F 8:30-5:00 in Wooster Hall, room 115 or call (845) 257-3100.