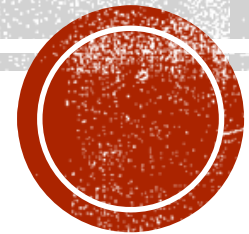


**WHAT DO I DO NOW THAT  
I GOT A U?**



Knowing your Options After Receiving an Unsatisfactory Midterm Rating

# “U” RATINGS

- A midterm “U” or unsatisfactory rating indicates one or more of the following:
  - Poor performance on a first exam
  - Low grades on homework and/or quizzes
  - Attendance issues



# WHY DO “U” RATINGS MATTER?

- Often lead to unsatisfactory final grades, lower GPAs, and placement on academic warning or probation
- Likely to result in course repeats, typically lengthening time to degree completion
- Lead to a higher percentage of students changing to majors outside of CST
  - Students who receive two or more U ratings in CST courses have a 66% chance of leaving CST



# KNOW YOUR OPTIONS

- Receiving a U can be discouraging. However it is a real-time snapshot of your performance in the course to date. Now that you have it, you have a decision to make:
  - Make positive changes to your preparation for and approach to the course
  - Continue doing the same as you have thus far which will likely lead to an unsuccessful attempt at the course
  - Withdraw from the course



# FIRST DO THIS

- Meet with your professor/s to discuss:
  - Whether you can still earn the required course grade you need to progress in your major
  - What suggestions they have to help you improve
- This is an important step to take to get a **realistic** perspective on your ability to be successful in a course.
- Students sometimes assume withdrawing is the only option without speaking to the professor. Know your options and make an informed decision.



- Attend all classes and arrive on time
- Review/read course material before class
- Take thorough notes
- Review your notes and the textbook after class
- Do your homework
- Practice problems/questions for the test on your own
- Spend more time studying/reviewing/preparing for your class
- Utilize the resources available to you
- Ask for help when you need it

## **STUDENT SUCCESS**

Tips for a More Successful  
Student Experience



# IMPROVING YOUR GRADES:

## ACADEMIC SUPPORT RESOURCES

- CLASS (Center for Learning & Student Success)
- Online Math Refreshers
  - ALEKS
  - MyMathTest
- Faculty Advisors
- Professor's Office Hours
  - Check your syllabus for this information.
- Academic Advisors



# MATH DEPARTMENT TUTORING

- Serves MATH 0701 (Elementary Algebra) through MATH 2043 (Calculus III)
- Tutoring provided by undergraduate classroom assistants and graduate teaching assistants

| Day       | Spring 2017 Drop-In Hours/Locations |                         |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Monday    | 10am-3pm, 5-6pm Wachman Hall 609    | 3-5pm, Wachman Hall 109 |
| Tuesday   | 10am -2pm, 5-6pm Wachman Hall 609   | 2-5pm, Wachman Hall 308 |
| Wednesday | 10am-5pm, Wachman Hall 408          | 5-8pm, Wachman Hall 609 |
| Thursday  | 10am-6pm, Wachman Hall 609          |                         |
| Friday    | 10am-2pm, Wachman Hall 312          |                         |





# COMPUTER & INFORMATION SCIENCE PEER TUTORING

- The Computer & Information Science Department offers peer tutoring for a variety of their 1000-3000 level courses on a Monday-Friday basis.
- The Spring 2017 peer tutoring schedule for CIS can be found [here](#).



# WITHDRAWING FROM A COURSE — WHY?

- **Why withdraw?**

- If it is impacting your success in your other courses
- If you have missed too many classes and the attendance policy will prevent you from passing
- If you cannot earn above a D or F grade based on the course's grading scale

**Deadline:** Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>



# WITHDRAWING FROM A COURSE — PROS & CONS

## Pros (+):

- Will not impact your GPA
- Will allow you to continue to attend class to learn content without receiving a grade
- Can allow you more time to focus on your other coursework

## Cons (-):

- Counts as an attempt at a course (see Repeat Policy slide)
- Still responsible for paying tuition for the course
- May prevent you from progressing in further major coursework in the next semester

**Deadline:** Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>



# REPEAT POLICY

- Students are allowed three attempts per course
  - Students must petition their home school/college for a third attempt at a course
  - Approval is not guaranteed
  - Remediation work is frequently required
- Withdrawing from a course counts as an attempt, unless approved as an excused withdrawal.
  - Excused withdrawals are only approved for all courses taken in the semester and students must petition for this by following the steps outlined [here](#).
- If unsuccessful after three attempts in a major course, you must declare a different major.



# WITHDRAWING FROM A COURSE — DO THIS BEFORE

- Talk to Student Financial Services to learn how withdrawing may impact any scholarships, grants, or financial aid you receive.
- If you are an international student, speak to ISSS as it may impact your visa status.
- Contact a CST Academic Advisor if you:
  - Are unsure of when you should take the course again.
  - Don't know how withdrawing would impact progress in your major.
  - Are considering withdrawing from all of your courses.

**Deadline:** Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>



# WITHDRAWING FROM A COURSE: PROCESS

- **Good Academic Standing**
  - Can be completed via Self Service Banner in the TUPortal → Student Tools Tab → Registration channel
  - First semester students will need to use their PIN to withdraw from a course. Log on to TUPortal → Student Tools Tab → Records Channel → Advising Sessions button to find your FALL 2016 PIN
- **Academic Warning**
  - Can be completed via Self Service Banner in the TUPortal under the Registration tab with your registration pin
  - You should be using the [OWLS program](#) to help you return to Good Academic Standing
  - Academic Warning students can receive their PIN after meeting with an academic advisor
- ***Academic Probation***
  - You should be using the [OWLS program](#) to help you return to Good Academic Standing
  - Must see an advisor to withdraw from a course

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# WITHDRAWING FROM A COURSE:

- **Result**

- No final letter grade will be awarded, but a “W” will appear on your transcript indicating the course was attempted but not completed. You will no longer be an actively registered student in the course, but may continue to attend the class.

**Deadline:** Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>



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# QUESTIONS?

CST Academic Advisors are here to help!

**Location:** Paley Library, Suite 150

**Advising Hours:** 8:30am-4:30pm

**How to Make an Appointment:**

- Call 215.204.2890
- Use the [online appointment scheduler](#)
- Stop by the office

