

INSTITUTIONAL WITHDRAWAL POLICY

A student may withdraw from the university when circumstances beyond the student's control make it impossible for him or her to complete their coursework for the semester. A student wishing to withdraw from the university must complete the relevant section of the Institutional Withdrawal Form, obtain the school officials' signatures, and submit the completed form to the Registrar's Office. If a student fails to attend for a period of 14 consecutive calendar days of classes for which he or she is registered in a given semester or term, the university will make a determination as to whether the student intends to return to classes or should be administratively withdrawn from his or her program of study. The student will receive a grade of "W" if he or she withdraws between the second and tenth week of the semester for 15-week courses, or between the second and fifth week of the session for 8-week courses. A student who does not withdraw from the university before the deadline will receive a failing grade or a letter grade based upon his/her performance in the course. The institutional refund policy is applied to determine if the institution is required to provide a refund to the student. Students who fail to register by the end of add/drop period are automatically considered to be officially withdrawn from the University.

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY:

If a student elects to drop one or more courses or withdraw from the university, the following refund schedule will be used to determine any outstanding financial obligation for which the student may be responsible:

Last Date of Attendance	Tuition Refund Amount*
Up to the last day of add/drop period	100% of the tuition
After the add/drop and through 25% of the session	75% of the tuition
Through 50% of the session	50% of the tuition
Through 75% of the session	25% of the tuition
After 75% of the session	No refund will be issued

* Excludes all fees

The official withdrawal date, for the purpose of a refund calculation, will be the last date on which the student was recorded present for a class. If no payment was made, or if the student was participating in a payment plan and the payments are insufficient to cover the student's obligation according to the schedule above, then the university will send the student a bill for the difference. If the student's financial obligation is not fulfilled, VIU is authorized to do the following until the money is paid:

- a) Withhold the release of the student's academic records or any information based upon the records.
- b) Withhold the issue of the student's transcripts.
- c) If the student's account remains delinquent, VIU reserves the right to terminate enrolment and cancel F-1 visas of international students.
- d) Late tuition payments are subject to financial penalties.

If a student does not return to the university on or before the approved leave of absence date, the university will consider the student withdrawn from the institution and the above schedule will be applied.

The details about this policy can be found in the university catalog and at the university web sites.

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