Adding or Dropping Courses

General Information on Drops (and Adds)

Campus versus College Drop Deadlines

The University of Illinois has a very liberal policy on course drops. Students may freely drop any *unrestricted* course up to mid-term as long as they remain full time. However, there are courses *restricted* by the College of Engineering and by its Departments which can only be freely dropped up to the tenth day of class.

Therefore, there are **TWO late drop deadlines** for regular semester courses:

- Mid-term of the semester is the Drop Deadline for **UNRESTRICTED** courses.
- The **TENTH** day of classes is the Drop Deadline for **RESTRICTED** courses.

Half-semester courses will have different deadlines to reflect their reduced length. The **FIFTH** day of the class for the course is the deadline for add or free drop. Check the campus **deadlines**.

Drop requests after the deadlines are **NOT automatically granted**

Not all requests will be approved, and requested changes to *restricted courses* will require you visit department and/or college advisors for a review. Carefully review the Drop Policy below for more information. **Requests to drop classes due to poor academic performance alone will not be approved, because it is explicitly forbidden by the Student Code.**

Drop Policy Details on Restricted Courses

**10th day of classes is the Deadline for Schedule Changes with no approval required**

- **Within the first ten days of classes**: students can change their schedule on their own. If students wish to make substantial changes, particularly in technical courses, they should consult their adviser (see more details [here](#)).
- **After the tenth day of classes**: All Restricted Courses by engineering Departments/College cannot be dropped without special review and approval by the department chief advisor/college dean. To drop a restricted course AFTER the tenth day (or to drop any unrestricted class after the mid-term drop deadline), students **MUST have extenuating circumstances** beyond their control that directly affected academics (documented sickness, personal emergency or crisis, etc.). Exception is possible only if a specific course is not required by the major of enrollment.
  - **For College-Restricted courses**: Drop requires approval from a Dean in the Undergraduate Programs Office (206 Engineering Hall).
  - **For Department-Restricted courses**: Drop requires approval from the Chief Advisor of the student's home department and a Dean in the Undergraduate Programs Office (206 Engineering Hall).
- **After mid-term of the semester**: all changes of schedule require approval. To drop any class (restricted or not), students **MUST have extenuating circumstances** beyond their control that directly affected academics (documented sickness, personal emergency or crisis, etc.).

**Not Sure How To Make a Change on your Class Schedule?**

Check the [How To page](#).

**Questions? Whom to Contact**

- **KNOW YOUR COLLEGE - Your life as an undergraduate student is regulated by the undergraduate program office in 206 Engineering Hall** where deans and advisors are the only individuals who can consider requests to add/drop classes.
- **Avoid sending messages to random college of engineering personnel whom you may identify through websites or directories. Sending a request to the wrong person can only delay attention to your case.**
- **Please visit 206 Engineering Hall to discuss your situation with an Advisor/Dean: We are here to help, guide and assist. We will work with you and help you find solutions, whether you have extenuating circumstances or not.**
If you have any questions about the Drop Policy or the Add-Drop portal, contact 206 Engineering Hall (engineering@illinois.edu or 217/333-2280).