

RECENT CHANGES TO THE UNIVERSITY BY-LAWS

The following by-law changes were approved at the October 12, 2015 meeting of the University Senate.

II.B.10

Adding or Dropping Courses

Instructions for adding and dropping courses appear in the Schedule of Classes. Within the following regulations, students may revise their course schedules on days and at hours specified by the Office of the Registrar. Though classes may be scheduled on weekends, these are not factored into the following regulations.

Students should consult with their academic advisor prior to adding or dropping courses.

Students may add courses during the first ten days of classes without special permissions. In exceptional circumstances only, a student may add courses after the tenth day of classes with the consent of the student's advisor, the course instructor, and the head of the department or program offering the course. After the fourth week, the permission of the student's academic dean or his/her designee is also required for adding classes.

Students may drop courses before the end of the tenth day of classes without transcript notations. After the tenth day of classes and through the ninth week a student may drop one course for any reason with permission from the student's advisor. No student is permitted to drop a course after the ninth week of classes or to drop more than one course after the first ten days of classes unless on the recommendation of the advisor, an exception is made by the dean or designee of the school or college in which the student is enrolled. Exceptions are made only for extenuating circumstances beyond the student's control. Poor academic performance is not considered a sufficient reason for dropping a course after the ninth week. Any course dropped after the first ten days of classes will receive a "W" on the transcript. Exceptions to transcript notations can be made only by the Provost or designee.

During the first ten days of classes of the semester, a student may change course sections without advisor consultation. After the tenth day of classes, course section changes require the same authorizations as other add/drop transactions.

A student who is enrolled in, but does not attend any classes or laboratory meetings during the first ten days of classes may be denied a place in the course (see II.E.11, *Class Attendance*). Such non-attendance, or non-attendance later in the semester, does not constitute withdrawal; the student must officially drop the course by regular procedures or risk being assigned a failing grade.

In considering a schedule with fewer than 12 credits, a student should consult with an advisor and dean or designee of the school or college in which the student is enrolled. A student considering fewer than 12 credits should note the regulations concerning part-time students, scholastic probation and dismissal (see II.B.3, *Improper Registration or Failure to Register*, II.B.4, *Credits Permitted in a Semester* and II.E.15, *Suspension or Expulsion*), and financial aid.

A student who withdraws from a full-year course at the close of the first semester shall receive credit for the work of the first semester if the student has passed the course, unless it is announced in the catalog that the course must be taken in its entirety, in which case the credit shall be withheld until the course is completed.

Students at the University's regional campuses are subject to all regulations governing adding and dropping courses except that course instructors act for the department heads and the regional campus director or designee acts for the dean.

For courses of fewer than 14 weeks duration, the add/drop periods will be adjusted and determined by the Registrar.

II.F.3

3. *University Scholars*

- a. The University Scholar Oversight and Selection Committee, appointed by the Honors Board of Associate Directors is authorized to select as University Scholars no more than thirty in any one year of the most promising undergraduate students. These students will be granted significant curricular freedom in order that they may develop a program of study, including a substantial research or creative project, which will have personal and academic merit.
- b. To be eligible for this program, students should have completed at least 54 credits towards a degree at the University of Connecticut, and show high levels of academic success. The application and selection processes are determined by the University Scholar Oversight and Selection Committee in consultation with the Honors Board of Associate Directors.
- c. Each University Scholar shall assemble an Advisory Committee of three full time faculty members to include at least one tenured or tenure-track faculty member with representation from the student's major(s), one of whom will be designated Chair. At the end of the senior year, the University Scholar Oversight and Selection Committee following the recommendation of the University Scholar's Advisory Committee shall certify to the Registrar that the student is entitled to the bachelor's degree.
- d. The following privileges will be granted these Scholars:
 1. The waiving of fees and charges or the assignment of a stipend, the amount and duration to be set by the Provost or designee.
 2. The removal of the limitation of credit-load in a semester.
 3. The waiving of maximum credit to be taken in special topics, variable topics and independent study courses in a department.
 4. Permission to take courses numbered 5000 and above.
 5. If accepted into a University of Connecticut graduate program, permission to enroll concurrently in undergraduate and graduate degree programs.
 6. Access to courses outside the student's school or college.
 7. The waiving of all further ordinary requirements for a degree, after completion of requirements prescribed to the time of entry into the program.