Drop with Dean’s Approval
Instructions

After the deadline to drop a course without Dean’s approval (12th week of the semester for 16 week courses – check registrar.unm.edu for all course deadlines), you must obtain approval from the Dean of your college. Through your advisement center you may petition for Dean’s approval. This process is for dropping one or more courses but not all courses for the semester. If you need to drop all of your courses, please meet with the Dean of Students Office (dos.unm.edu).

Criteria:

Students may be allowed to drop courses because they have extenuating circumstances that prevent them from completing their course. Extenuating circumstances include but are not limited to:

- Medical condition of student or immediate family member that has made it impossible to continue the course
- Death of an immediate family member that necessitates leaving the University
- A work schedule that is requiring travel, extended work hours, or reassignment

**“Not doing well in class” is not considered a sufficient reason for dropping a course. The specific circumstances that are affecting your performance in the class would be considered the reason.**

Procedure:

1. Consider whether or not there are other options to explore. If you have questions, please make an appointment with your advisor.

2. Fill out the College Form – read carefully! By signing this form you are assuming sole responsibility for all consequences of dropping courses.

3. If your college requires it, create a typed statement explaining why you wish to drop your course at this late date. Attach both the statement and the completed Enrollment Authorization Form to this paper.

**A legend of which colleges require a typed statements is found below

4. Return this form to your college advisement center for review and allow up to 2 – 3 working days for the college to respond.

5. If approved, pick up your signed enrollment authorization form and deliver it to the One-Stop.

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Consider:
Please initial as confirmation that you understand the following:

- Dropping a course can negatively impact your satisfactory academic progress for financial aid/scholarships
- If you withdraw from a class which drops you below 15 credit hours within a semester, you will be charged the difference between ‘block tuition’ and ‘non-block tuition’ which means an additional cost per credit hour. For additional information see the Bursar’s Office (bursar.unm.edu)
- You accept responsibility for any consequences to tuition/financial aid/academic progress/eligibility
- Completing a degree efficiently can be accomplished by consistently fulfilling program and college requirements, while also avoiding course withdrawal patterns
- Dropping prerequisite courses can delay degree completion
- Multiple course withdrawals can potentially affect plans to pursue a competitive degree program
- The best practice for dropping a course includes notifying your instructor of your intention. This allows an opportunity for you to discuss all of your options with him/her. Please initial once you have either met with or emailed your instructor regarding your intention.

I understand that dropping courses can have a negative impact and I accept full responsibility for any and all consequences to my enrollment decision. I further understand that I should seek advisement if I am concerned about how this action specifically affects me.

_________________________  __________________________
Student Signature               Date

For Office Use Only

☐ Approved  ☐ Denied

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Reviewer’s Initials               Date

Notes:  Nov 2016