

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 87-01

WHEREAS, the University has implemented admission standards for 1988 and a General Education Component to improve educational excellence, and

WHEREAS, students have preregistration, registration, and late registration to supplement and modify their course schedules, and

WHEREAS, students may withdraw from courses without penalty of “W” grades through the fourteenth-class day, and

WHEREAS, the courses required for each curriculum are described in the General Catalog, and

WHEREAS, at least one-eighth of all grades given to undergraduates are “W” grades,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed catalog statement below be adopted as policy for undergraduate students entering LSU in the Fall of 1988 or thereafter.

Catalog Statement

Adding or Dropping Courses

A course may be added or dropped only in accordance with the dates indicated in the “Academic Calendar.” The student will initiate the action by means of a form obtained from the office of the dean.

After the last day to drop courses without a “W” and until the final date for resigning, as shown in the “Academic Calendar,” students cannot drop courses except under one of the following provisions:

- a. A student may drop all courses by withdrawing from the University according to the guidelines in the section on “Resignation from the University.”
- b. A student is allowed a limited number of uncontested (peremptory) course drops in accordance with the following schedule:

Number of Hours of Coursework Satisfactorily Completed at LSU	Number of Uncontested Course Drops Permitted
0-29	3
30-59	1
60-89	1
90-119	1
Etc.	1

A grade of “W” will be recorded for each uncontested (peremptory) drop.

From one 29-hour interval to the next, a student may carry forward up to two unused (peremptory) drops.

- c. A student may petition in writing to the dean of his or her college to drop a course. Such a petition will be granted if, in the dean's judgement,
 - a. The student is unable to complete the course in question due to a severe mental or physical disability or
 - b. Unusual and extenuating circumstances beyond the student's control justify the withdrawal from the course. A grade of "HW" (hardship withdrawal) shall be entered on the transcript for all courses approved for drop by petition.

After the final date for resigning, as shown in the "Academic Calendar," petitions to allow resignations from the University of allow hardship withdrawals from courses may be considered by the dean of each college.