SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

Withdrawal Policy for New, First-Time, Full-Time, Undergraduate Degree-Seeking Students

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1.0 Introduction

In our effort to redesign our policies to be more intentionally student-centered, this policy complements SLU's existing course withdrawal policies and practices, providing an extended withdrawal period for a select student sub-population in their first term of study.

Institutionally, we recognize that course withdrawals come with demonstrable academic, financial, and, potentially, professional implications – particularly multiple withdrawals that constitute clear patterns for some students. Accordingly, SLU enacts this policy in full recognition of those implications, and with a commitment to sound advising to inform each student's withdrawal decisions.

2.0 Scope

This policy directly applies only to new, first-time, full-time, undergraduate, degree-seeking students on the St. Louis and Madrid campuses (often referred to as our "traditional undergraduates") – and only in their first term (Fall or Spring) of study as a full-time, degree seeking student. This policy explicitly excludes all of the following:

- students formally codified in their first term as undergraduate transfer students
- students studying in programs offered by SLU's School for Professional Studies
- students studying in SLU's Prison Education Program
- students in SLU's Jesuit Worldwide Learning bachelor's degree program
- students in any INTO SLU program
- students in any Academic English Program (AEP) or English as a Second Language (ESL) program
- students in any graduate-level program

3.0 Policy Statements

4.1 For the discrete student sub-population for which this policy applies, and only in the specific term for which the policy applies for those students (see Section 2.0 Scope), the course withdrawal period shall:

a. begin the day after the last day of the add/drop period of the applicable term

b. extend until the last day of regular classes of the applicable term (the day before any formally-designated "study day" and before the start of any applicable final exam period)

4.2 The course withdrawal period for all other students, in all terms, in all programs, and at all SLU campuses, remains unchanged (and is codified formally via the Term and Parts of Term Dates Policy).

6.0 Approvals

This Policy Was:

1. Shared with the Provost's Academic Leadership Team and the President of the Faculty Senate for review and comment: November 8, 2026

2. Approved by EVP&P: November 10, 2026