

1 **Status of Continuing Students STATUS**

2 (Senate: 3/16/68, 8/14/74; President: 4/3/68, 8/29/74)

3 Students who maintain continuous attendance from one quarter to the next need not file an
4 application for each succeeding quarter. A student may elect to be absent any two quarters of the
5 university year, but not more than two of any four successive quarters, without losing continuing
6 student status. (Approved by the President with the proviso that the statement relates only to
7 registration procedures and establishes continuing status priorities in registration.)

8 A disqualified student who enrolls in the quarter immediately following the disqualification
9 period will be considered as a continuing student for purposes of graduation evaluation. If a
10 period longer than two quarters has elapsed since the student's last quarter of attendance, the
11 student shall be evaluated on the basis of the catalog in effect at the time of the student's
12 readmission.

13 THIS POLICY DEFINES THE "CONTINUING STUDENT STATUS" FOR
14 UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS. A STUDENT WHO HAS LOST
15 CONTINUING STUDENT STATUS MUST REAPPLY TO THE UNIVERSITY, AND SHALL
16 BE HELD TO THE CATALOG REQUIREMENTS IN EFFECT AT THE TIME OF
17 READMISSION. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS POLICY, ONLY FALL AND SPRING
18 TERMS ARE CONSIDERED SEMESTERS, WHILE WINTER AND SUMMER TERMS ARE
19 NOT. ENROLLMENT IN WINTER OR SUMMER TERMS DOES NOT COUNT TOWARDS
20 MAINTAINING CONTINUING STUDENT STATUS, AND LACK OF ENROLLMENT IN
21 WINTER OR SUMMER TERMS DOES NOT INTERRUPT CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT.
22 IF A STUDENT WITHDRAWS FROM ALL CLASSES IN A GIVEN SEMESTER, THAT
23 SEMESTER WILL NOT COUNT TOWARDS MAINTAINING CONTINUING STUDENT
24 STATUS.

25 STUDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN CONSECUTIVE SEMESTERS WILL MAINTAIN
26 CONTINUING STUDENT STATUS.

27 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS WILL MAINTAIN CONTINUING STUDENT STATUS IF
28 THEY ARE ABSENT FOR ONE SEMESTER AS LONG AS THEY ENROLL IN THE
29 FOLLOWING SEMESTER. UNLESS A LEAVE OF ABSENCE IS GRANTED,
30 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS WILL LOSE CONTINUING STUDENT STATUS IF
31 THEY ARE ABSENT FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE SEMESTERS.

32 GRADUATE STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT ADVANCED TO CANDIDACY WILL
33 MAINTAIN CONTINUING STUDENT STATUS IF THEY ARE ABSENT FOR ONE
34 SEMESTER AS LONG AS THEY ENROLL IN THE FOLLOWING SEMESTER. UNLESS A
35 LEAVE OF ABSENCE IS GRANTED, GRADUATE STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT
36 ADVANCED TO CANDIDACY WILL LOSE CONTINUING STUDENT STATUS IF THEY

37 ARE ABSENT FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE SEMESTERS. GRADUATE STUDENTS WHO
38 HAVE ADVANCED TO CANDIDACY WILL LOSE CONTINUING STUDENT STATUS IF
39 THEY ARE ABSENT FOR ONE SEMESTER WITHOUT AN APPROVED LEAVE OF
40 ABSENCE (I.E., ANY BREAK IN CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT).

41 LEAVES OF ABSENCE (true underlining; not a deletion)

42 STUDENTS MAY PETITION FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR SUCH REASONS AS
43 PROFESSIONAL OR ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES, LIKE TRAVEL OR STUDY
44 ABROAD; EMPLOYMENT RELATED TO EDUCATIONAL GOALS AND MAJOR FIELDS
45 OF STUDY OR PARTICIPATION IN FIELD STUDY OR RESEARCH PROJECTS;
46 MEDICAL REASONS, INCLUDING PREGNANCY, MAJOR SURGERY, AND OTHER
47 HEALTH-RELATED CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FINANCIAL REASONS, SUCH AS THE
48 NECESSITY TO WORK FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD TO RESUME STUDY WITH
49 ADEQUATE RESOURCES; OR OTHER EXTENUATING LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES.

50 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS MAY REQUEST A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR TWO,
51 THREE, OR FOUR CONSECUTIVE SEMESTERS, AND ARE ALLOWED A MAXIMUM
52 OF FOUR SEMESTERS OF LEAVE IN THEIR UNDERGRADUATE CAREER.

53 GRADUATE STUDENTS MAY REQUEST A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR UP TO TWO
54 CONSECUTIVE SEMESTERS, SUBJECT TO RENEWAL.

55 FOR BOTH UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS, IF A STUDENT HAS
56 ALREADY BEEN ABSENT FOR ONE SEMESTER, THAT SEMESTER WILL BE
57 COUNTED AS PART OF THE LEAVE REQUEST.

Continuing Student Status

(Senate: 3/16/68, 8/14/74; President: 4/3/68, 8/29/74)

This policy defines the “Continuing Student Status” for undergraduate and graduate students. A student who has lost continuing student status must reapply to the university, and shall be held to the catalog requirements in effect at the time of readmission. For the purposes of this policy, only fall and spring terms are considered semesters, while winter and summer terms are not. Enrollment in winter or summer terms does not count towards maintaining continuing student status, and lack of enrollment in winter or summer terms does not interrupt continuous enrollment. If a student withdraws from all classes in a given semester, that semester will not count towards maintaining continuing student status.

Students who are enrolled in consecutive semesters will maintain continuing student status.

Undergraduate students will maintain continuing student status if they are absent for one semester as long as they enroll in the following semester. Unless a leave of absence is granted, undergraduate students will lose continuing student status if they are absent for two consecutive semesters.

Graduate students who have not Advanced to Candidacy will maintain continuing student status if they are absent for one semester as long as they enroll in the following semester. Unless a leave of absence is granted, graduate students who have not Advanced to Candidacy will lose continuing student status if they are absent for two consecutive semesters. Graduate students who have Advanced to Candidacy will lose continuing student status if they are absent for one semester without an approved leave of absence (i.e., any break in continuous enrollment).

Leaves of Absence

Students may petition for a leave of absence for such reasons as professional or academic opportunities, like travel or study abroad; employment related to educational goals and major fields of study or participation in field study or research projects; medical reasons, including pregnancy, major surgery, and other health-related circumstances; financial reasons, such as the necessity to work for a specified period to resume study with adequate resources; or other extenuating life circumstances.

Undergraduate students may request a leave of absence for two, three, or four consecutive semesters, and are allowed a maximum of four semesters of leave in their undergraduate career.

Graduate students may request a leave of absence for up to two consecutive semesters, subject to renewal.

For both undergraduate and graduate students, if a student has already been absent for one semester, that semester will be counted as part of the leave request.