

1 Continuing Student Status

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4 student who has lost continuing student status must reapply to the university, and shall be held to  
5 the catalog requirements in effect at the time of readmission OR MUST BE ELIGIBLE TO  
6 PETITION TO RETURN FROM AN EDUCATIONAL LEAVE AS DEFINED BELOW. For the  
7 purposes of this policy, only fall and spring terms are considered semesters, while winter and  
8 summer terms are not. Enrollment in winter or summer terms does not count towards maintaining  
9 continuing student status, and lack of enrollment in winter or summer terms does not interrupt  
10 continuous enrollment. If a student withdraws from all classes in a given semester, that semester  
11 will not count towards maintaining continuing student status.

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

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

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

23 Leaves of Absence RETURN FROM EDUCATIONAL LEAVES

24 A PETITION TO RETURN FROM AN EDUCATIONAL LEAVE IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO  
25 STUDENTS IN GOOD STANDING WHO HAVE LOST CONTINUING STUDENT STATUS  
26 DUE ONLY TO ABSENCE NOT EXCEEDING THE ALLOWANCE INDICATED BELOW.  
27 STUDENTS NOT ELIGIBLE TO RETURN FROM EDUCATIONAL LEAVE MUST RE-  
28 APPLY FOR ADMISSION THROUGH THE FORMAL CSU APPLICATION PROCESS.

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

35 Undergraduate students may request a RETURN FROM AN EDUCATIONAL leave of  
36 FOLLOWING absence for two, three, or four consecutive semesters, and are allowed a maximum  
37 of four semesters of leave in their undergraduate career.

38 Graduate students may request a RETURN FROM AN EDUCATIONAL leave of FOLLOWING  
39 absence for up to two consecutive semesters, subject to renewal. GRADUATE PETITIONS TO  
40 RETURN REQUIRE THE APPROVAL OF THE COLLEGE GRADUATE DEAN.

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

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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. 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. 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 (i.e., any break in continuous enrollment).

## Return from Educational Leaves

A petition to return from an educational leave is only available to students in good standing who have lost continuing student status due only to absence not exceeding the allowance indicated below. Students not eligible to return from educational leave must re-apply for admission through the formal CSU application process.

Students may petition to return from an educational leave 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 return from an educational leave following 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 return from an educational leave following absence for up to two consecutive semesters, subject to renewal. Graduate petitions to return require the approval of the college graduate dean.

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 educational leave.