

so you want to

WITHDRAW

from one class?

a guide to that 'W' on your transcript

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What is a W?

When you drop a course after the fourth week of classes and before the drop deadline (the tenth week of classes), you receive a W on your transcript for that course.

What does a W mean?

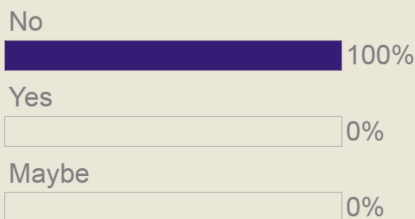
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A W on your transcript means that you attempted a course, but you knew to drop it before it negatively affected your academic record.



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Should you worry about a W?



All of the freshmen academic advisors at Truman agree: a few Ws are nothing to worry about! You tried but it turned out to be too much and you prioritized your other courses that semester.

One caveat...

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An excessive number of Ws on your transcript can be detrimental if you're trying to go to graduate or professional school. Avoid having a W every semester; this situation makes admissions committees think that you consistently take on too much or are unable to handle stress. If you have a semester with all Ws, you should plan on explaining why in a cover letter or interview.



A few Ws are fine; a lot of Ws might need explanation.