so you want to WITHDRAW from one class?

a guide to that 'W' on your transcript

1. 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.

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

3. Should you worry about a W?
No: 100%
Yes: 0%
Maybe: 0%

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.

4. One caveat...
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.