

Excused Withdrawal (EW)

The "EW," excused withdrawal, mark is assigned only when a student is permitted to withdraw from a course(s) due to specific events beyond the control of the student which affects their ability to complete a course(s)



What type of events are considered "beyond the control of the student"?

- Unexpected changes in employment
- An illness in the family where the student is the primary caregiver
- Incarceration
- The student is the subject of an immigration action
- Other extenuating circumstances



What is the submission process & documentation to request an EW?

- 1. Complete a Petition for Exceptional Action
- 2. Submit the petition and documentation online through the <u>Office of Admissions & Records forms page</u> (or go to *bit.ly/3Bvxx0u*).
 - a. Note the submission process is in two parts.
 - b. Read the submission instructions on the website.
 - c. If this second part is not followed, the petition will not be processed.

Who can help me fill out the petition?

- A counselor can assist with you completing the exceptional action petition and provide direction on the submission process.
- Visit the <u>Counseling Department</u> to schedule a counseling appointment (or to go bit.ly/3YcaJvC)

When and how will I know if the EW was approved?

- Upon receipt of the Petition Exceptional Action, an excused withdrawal notation of (EW) will be added to your Mt. SAC transcript.
- Admissions & Records will provide a reason for denial if the EW is not approved.

When Is the Last Day to Request an EW?

• An EW may be requested until the last day of instruction.

Will the EW affect my academic standing or financial aid?

- Academic Standing: No. The EW does not count toward the calculation of progress probation, dismissal, or course attempts.
- Financial Aid: Maybe. Contact <u>Financial Aid</u> (or go to bit.ly/3zV3rmv) before withdrawing from a course(s) and ask how it may affect your aid.



