

# TO WITHDRAW OR NOT WITHDRAW



## What Does “Withdraw” Mean?

- Withdraw means to officially drop a class after the allowed drop period ends
- You won’t receive a grade for the class, but a “W” will show on your transcript, indicating that you had attempted the class
- The “W” will not affect your GPA
- Check #11 in the Student tab of your Mt. SAC portal to find the “W” deadlines for your class



## When is withdrawing a good idea?

- If you are not passing the class and based on your conversation with the instructor, it is unlikely you will pass
- If something in your life changes ) and you can no longer attend class
- If your educational goals change and you no longer need the class



## Is it “bad to get a “W”?

- No. Being proactive and choosing to get a “W” can be a great way to keep up your grade point average (GPA) safe from a class that you are not passing.



## What to consider when withdrawing?

- Withdrawing from class can affect how much grant money you will be awarded
- If you withdraw from too many classes
  - will lead to Progress Probation
  - loss of financial aid
  - Affect transfer to elite universities
- Earning a “W” in a course will count as an attempt, and Mt. SAC limits students to 3 attempts per class.



## I need help. Who should I talk to?

- Your professor: Discuss your ability to succeed in class
- A counselor: to learn how withdrawing could affect probation status, course repeats, and transfer
- The Financial Aid Office: to learn how withdraws could affect your financial aid.