

# KALAMAZOO COLLEGE

The responsibility for understanding the implications of underloading for a term or withdrawing from a course ultimately falls on the student. This information is intended to assist you in making a good decision.

Underloading: defined as “being registered for less than 2.4 units in any given term as of the drop/add process completion.” (week 1)

Withdrawing from a course: defined as “officially removing yourself (by submitting a withdrawal form to the Registrar’s Office) from a class any time after the drop/add process has been completed, which produces a W on the transcript for the withdrawn course. (weeks 2-8)

Generally, all students should discuss the choice to withdraw with an advisor or the Registrar to make sure they understand how this withdrawal may or may not impact their opportunity to graduate on time or meet any other academic conditions.

Also, if you are a student-athlete, discuss this choice with your coach to be sure you will continue to be eligible to participate.

You need further consideration if you:

1. Are on Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress probation.

Students who are not okay with SAP status must complete 3 units; therefore, underloading or dropping a course at any time in the quarter will result in cancellation of their financial aid eligibility for the next quarter. It’s best to meet with a financial aid counselor and your advisor.

2. Are on Academic Probation of any kind.

Talk to Zaide Pixley or your advisor before withdrawing.

The following forms of financial aid are impacted by underloading (see above definition).

Michigan Competitive Scholarship:	Award reduced to 75% of full time amount
Michigan Tuition Grant:	Award reduced to 75% of full time amount
Federal Pell Grant:	Award reduced to 75% of full time amount
Federal ACG/SMART Grants	No award eligibility if less than <u>full time</u>
National Merit Scholarship:	No award eligibility if less than <u>full time</u>
Byrd Scholarship	Award reduced to 75% of full time amount

If a student withdraws from a class, taking a W on the transcript, the above aid is not affected.