

LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC PETITION

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TO: The Faculty Subcommittee on Administration

DATE:

ACTION REQUESTED:

BASIS FOR REQUEST: (Please attach additional sheets if needed)

Respectfully submitted,

Student Signature

Student Name (please print)

LU ID #

Campus Phone #

Campus Address

ADVISOR REMARKS

Date

Advisor Name (please print)

Signature

INSTRUCTOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR REMARKS

Date

Instructor/Department Chair Name (please print)

Signature

**OFFICE USE ONLY
ACTION**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ACADEMIC PETITIONS

This form may be used to request the following types of actions from the Faculty Subcommittee on Administration:

- an exception to an academic regulation
- a waiver of certain requirements for the B.A. degree
- transfer of credit to your Lawrence record from another institution
- admission to the B.A. degree program, if you are a B.Mus. student
- re-admission to the university after withdrawal
- permission to participate in Commencement before degree is conferred

Requests concerning major, minor, or IA requirements should be directed to the appropriate department chair or program director. Requests concerning conservatory regulations or requirements should be directed to the Conservatory Committee on Administration.

The deadline for submitting petitions for registration changes is the last day of classes of the academic term immediately following the term for which a registration change is being requested.

Action requested

Please state your request clearly and with sufficient information. A request to simply “add a class” will be returned to the petitioner. If your request concerns your status in a class, you should identify the class fully (term, subject, number, CRN, instructor). If you are requesting transfer credit you must identify the other institution, the subject, course number, title, credit value of the course, and when you expect to complete it. See <http://www.lawrence.edu/dept/registrar/transfer.shtml> for more information on petitions for transfer credit.

The basis for the request

This is your opportunity to explain why you believe your request should be approved. A petition filed without a response in this section will be returned to the requestor. Provide your reasons as clearly and succinctly as possible. Students submitting petitions to correct failure to add or cancel classes by the deadline should expect to be charged a late registration fee.

Supporting documentation

You may, and sometimes must, include supporting documentation. Under certain circumstances the Faculty Subcommittee on Administration may request more information, such as verification of an illness, ability to complete requirements, or a transcript. If you are requesting to change a final examination, you must provide documentation verifying your request (letter of employment, letter of admission to an academic program, etc.). If you are requesting transfer credit, you must attach a description/syllabus of the course.

Signatures and comments from faculty

Your petition will not be reviewed without the appropriate signatures and comments from faculty.

Your **advisor**'s signature is required. His or her comments in support of your request are important, particularly if you are asking for re-admission or to transfer from one degree program to another.

If your petition involves **registration**, the instructor of the pertinent course must sign and comment on the action you are requesting. An instructor's signature is not required for petitions involving the **S/U option**.

If you are asking to **cancel or withdraw from a class**, the instructor must indicate your last date of attendance and whether you were passing at that time.

If you are **petitioning for transfer credit**, the appropriate department chair or program director must sign and comment on the course to be transferred.

Grades will not be accepted from petition forms. If your petition is approved and a grade is needed, the Registrar's Office will contact the instructor for the grade directly.

Questions?

The Faculty Subcommittee on Administration meets weekly when classes are in session. Students are notified of the subcommittee's decision the week following the meeting. Students may also call the Registrar's Office (x6578) to inquire about the status of their petitions.

Your advisor can answer most questions about petitions. If your situation is complicated, you may wish to make an appointment with the Dean of Academic Success (x6530).

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