This petition displays the current semester's date, it should also be used for course drops from previous semesters. Your petition will not be processed if you are not using the current form. Please check [http://www.sjsu.edu/aars/forms/](http://www.sjsu.edu/aars/forms/) to be certain that you are using the most recent version of this petition.

Course Drops may be approved under several categories. These are based on (1) the date this petition is submitted, and (2) the reason(s) for the request.

The time periods relating to when this petition is submitted:

A. After the Drop Deadline (February 4th, 2020) and prior to April 23rd, 2020, 4:45 PM
B. After April 23rd, 2020 and prior to May 11th, 2020
C. Any time after the last day of instruction (formerly known as retroactive withdrawal)
   – For prior terms or after May 11th, 2020 4:45 PM.

There are two very broad categories of allowable reasons (extenuating circumstances) for dropping:

WA = Serious and compelling reasons (but reasons over which there might have been an opportunity to anticipate and drop the course prior to the Drop Deadline)
WB = Serious and compelling reasons that are clearly beyond your control, most often emergencies.

(a) Categories A & B -- Students are advised to continue class attendance until approval is received.
(b) Category C, WB -- An additional statement with documentation is required to explain why the petition could not have been submitted during the term, usually an emergency occurring at the end of the term.

In accordance with University Policy S09-7, there are two types of approved withdrawals, WA and WB. All students are limited to 18 units of WA (APPROVED withdrawals) on their SJSU transcripts. There is no such unit limit on the WB (Approved withdrawals clearly BEYOND the student's control). Both WA and WB show as W on the official transcript.

- Generally, all acceptable extenuating circumstances fall into one of the following eight categories:
  - Administrative error
  - Employment
  - Military (orders from CO)
  - Natural disaster
  - Death of immediate family member
  - Personal health or serious family illness
  - Divorce
  - Personal/other (rarely approved)

In all cases the following are required,
- A personal statement
- Supporting evidence/documentation (on letterhead)
  - For Medical documentation, please use the form Healthcare Provider form.
- Signatures and advisory recommendations as specified on the petition form (page 2)

(Note: F-1 Visa students must obtain a signature from ISSS (Student Union, CPEG office) before submitting the petition.

In addition to the documentation of extenuation required for approvals under Categories A or B, Category C approvals require demonstration that poor performance was atypical. Generally, this is demonstrated by (1) prior academic work at SJSU (24 or more units all “C or better” with GPA 2.5 or better), or (2) subsequent academic work at SJSU (12 or more units all “C or better” with GPA 2.5 or better). Retroactive petitions of Type WA drops that could have been submitted before the deadline will be denied.

The following are not valid reasons for dropping courses: Poor academic performance, non-attendance, change of major, or lack of prerequisite(s).

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**NOTE: ALL DOCUMENTATION IS SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION!**

It is recommended that students meet with an AARS Advisor prior to submission unless submitting by e-mail at [academic.advising@sjsu.edu](mailto:academic.advising@sjsu.edu)

Incomplete petitions WILL be denied.
**Spring 2020 – Undergraduate Petition for Course Drop -- Form (page 2)**

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<tr>
<th>Name (print)</th>
<th>SJSU ID</th>
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<th>Email Address</th>
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**Course information (one course per form, including any supplementary lab or activity)**

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Please indicate YES or NO for each of the required items for submission of a completed petition

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If above items are indicated NO, provide an explanation in the designated area below. Incomplete petitions will not be processed.

**Instructor's Signature**

Student's current grade: _____

My signature below indicates that the student has informed me of his/her intention to drop the class.

Comments (optional):

Instructor Name (print)   Signature   Date  Phone

**FOR F-1 VISA STUDENTS:**

ISSS Advisor's signature indicates that the student has discussed effects of withdrawal.

Comments (optional):

ISSS Advisor Name (print)   Signature   Date  Phone

**FOR OPEN UNIVERSITY/SPECIAL SESSION STUDENTS**

Associate Dean of CPGE Recommendation

Comments (optional):

Associate Dean Name (print)   Signature   Date  Phone

**Student must submit to Academic Advising and Retention Services (AARS), Student Services Center**

Director AARS Final Decision (circle one): APPROVE  DENY  OTHER

Type of Drop (circle one): WA  WB

Comments (optional):

Director (or designee) Signature   Date  DATA ENTRY / DATE