



South Dakota Board of Regents	
Maximum Number of Course Withdrawals	
<i>Temporary Policy Exceptions in Response to COVID-19</i>	
Date Issued:	April 9, 2020
Date Revised:	December 10, 2020
Universities:	Black Hills State University, Dakota State University, Northern State University, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, South Dakota State University, University of South Dakota

1. Under existing [Board Policy 2:10](#), a student may only accrue six undergraduate grades of WD (Withdrawal, does not calculate into any GPA, no credit given); subsequent course withdrawals after six result in a grade of WFL (Withdrawal 7th course or higher, 0.0 grade points per semester).
2. Under BOR Policy 2:10 (Section C.2.10), the campus Chief Academic Officer “may make exceptions to this requirement in those cases where there are unique factors.” The system Academic Affairs Council (comprised of campus Chief Academic Officers from the six system universities) agrees that the unprecedented nature of both the Spring and Fall 2020 semesters are creating “unique factors “outlined under BOR Policy 2:10. As such, no student withdrawals from a course occurring during the Spring and Fall 2020 semesters shall count against the six-withdrawal maximum as described in BOR Policy 2:10 (Section C.2.10).
3. Students who withdraw from a course after the census date during the Spring or Fall 2020 semester shall receive a W instead of a WD or WFL, even if the withdrawal otherwise would qualify for a WD or WFL according to Board Policy 2:10 (Section C.2.10).