Should You Take the 'W'? These Resources Will Help You Decide

Lehman College students have until **11:59 p.m. on Monday, December 13**, to withdraw from a course for the Fall '21 semester and receive a “W” instead of a traditional letter grade. This is usually an option for students who may not be doing well in a course or who may not have been attending their course altogether and want to preserve their GPA.

Although taking the “W” won’t impact a student’s GPA, it could affect their eligibility for financial aid. So, how can you tell if withdrawing from a course is the right option for your academic career? Lehman offers these resources to help guide you through the decision-making process:

- **Withdrawal Decision Tool**
  The tool asks students a series of questions based on their area of study and their academic standing and produces a recommendation based on the answers a student supplies. No personal information will be collected or be available from anyone who uses the tool.

  Also, the tool is to be used by students simply as general guidance, the decision to withdraw is the student's own and all individualized questions regarding academic progress should be directed to a student's advisor or a college official. Submitting the questionnaire in the tool does not constitute withdrawing from a course.

- **Zoom Room Advisors Available**
  On December 10th and 13th, students can drop into a Lehman Zoom Room for live support from academic advisors—no appointments necessary. Zoom Room advisors will be available from 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
In addition to the supports above, the College’s advising units are working with faculty to alert students who have either stopped attending a course or are in jeopardy of failing it. Please check your email regularly to see if you’ve received a notice.

If you have determined that withdrawing is the best option for your academic future, you must do so through CUNYfirst BEFORE 11:59 p.m. on Monday, December 13th. Instructions on how to withdraw can be found here.

Students who know they need to make up a course can register for the Winter 2022 session or Spring 2022 semester.