

D/F Rule and Course Withdrawal Policies

What Is the D/F Rule?

Psychology majors are expected to complete their major coursework in a timely fashion. Students who receive a total of three (3) D and/or F grades in Psychology major coursework will be dismissed from the Psychology major and must change their major to a field outside of Psychology. Grade forgiveness will not exclude a D or F grade from counting toward the D/F total.

Students who began as Psychology majors prior to Fall 2012 will be provided a phase-in period. Specifically, students who accumulated D and/or F grades in Psychology coursework at USF prior to Fall 2012 will be allowed to count any and all prior non-pass grades as one (1) D/F grade. Beginning Fall 2012, such students can still receive one (1) more D and/or F grade in a Psychology course at USF and remain a Psychology major. However, two or more additional D and/or F grades in Psychology major coursework at USF beginning Fall 2012 will cause such students to be removed from the Psychology major and required to change their major to a field outside of Psychology.

How Will The D/F Rule Be Applied?

Once Psychology major students have received 3 D and/or F grades in USF Psychology major coursework, they will be:

1. Removed from all Department of Psychology courses for which they are currently registered;
2. Removed from the Department of Psychology major and placed into a non-major code;
3. Emailed the notice of the changes to their @mail.usf.edu account.

The students will then need to

1. Select a new major;
2. Declare the new major with the appropriate college;
3. Register for new courses which apply to their new major.

What is the Appeal Process?

The D/F Rule application is final and effective from the beginning of Fall 2012. To be considered for an appeal, a student must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- The degree is nearly finished. To petition, the student must be able to complete all degree requirements (including the minor if the petition refers to the Psychology minor) within one semester, with no more than 10 hours of Psychology area requirements.
- No longer has 3 D/F grades because a Late Withdraw/Drop was approved for one of the Psychology content area courses by the Academic Regulations Committee (ARC).
- No longer has 3 D/F grades because of a change of grade in one of the Psychology content area courses.

To appeal, the student must send an email

- To: psychad@usf.edu,
- Subj: "D/F Appeal", and
- In the body of the email include name, U#, and reason for appeal.

Appeals will be reviewed by the Psychology Coordinator of Advising and Student Services, appointed by the Chair of the Department; students will receive a response by email. Appeals of these decisions may be made to the Department's Undergraduate Program Committee.

What Is the Withdrawal Policy?

- USF has a limit on the number of withdrawals a student may have. All undergraduate students will be limited to a total of five course withdrawals while enrolled as a degree-seeking or non-degree seeking undergraduate student at USF.
- The five course withdrawals are restricted to three course withdrawals for students with less than or equal to 59 earned semester credit hours, and two course withdrawals for students with 60 or more earned semester credit hours.