Committee on Academic Standing (CAS)

Petition to Change a Point Value After the Deadline

What is the Committee on Academic Standing (CAS)?
CAS is comprised of Advisers and Advising Deans from the Center for Student Advising (CSA). CAS upholds the policies and regulations of the Columbia College (CC) and the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS) Committees on Instruction (COI), and determines when circumstances warrant exceptions. CAS meets weekly to review petitions on a case-by-case basis. Decisions seek to uphold the rules of the CC and SEAS COIs while treating students equitably, bearing in mind the particular circumstances surrounding each student's petition.

Under what circumstances should I submit a petition to change a point value?
While most courses at Columbia have a fixed point value, a small number of courses have a variable point value (i.e. Barnard dance, independent research, etc.). Such courses default to a certain point value, but students may select an alternative point value through SSOL during the change of program period. After this deadline, students must submit a petition to the Committee on Academic Standing.

Please Note: Students should be aware that they may not change the point value of a course if it results in fewer than 12 points for the semester. If the point value places students above their credit limit (CC-22/SEAS-21), the student must also submit a petition to register above the credit limit.

What should I do if I need to submit a petition?
You must contact your CSA Adviser if you believe your situation should be reviewed by CAS for a possible exception. Your adviser will review your case, clarify policies, discuss options, and ensure that all paperwork is complete.

What paperwork must I submit when petitioning to change a point value after the deadline?
1. Petition to Change a Point Value (this packet)
2. Registration Adjustment Form (complete, except for adviser signature)
3. A typed Statement to the Committee
4. Instructor support (in cases of independent study/research)
5. “Grades” screen printed from SSOL

What is the deadline to submit a petition?
Because CAS meets weekly, petitions must be submitted by 3:00pm on Friday in order to be considered the following week.

How will I be notified of the decision?
Students should expect an email notification of the Committee’s decision within five business days of the Committee meeting.

May I appeal the decision?
If CAS denies your petition, you may submit a written appeal to the Dean of Advising (CC) or the Dean’s Office (SEAS). Additional information and documentation (not included with the initial petition) must be provided for your appeal to be considered. More details will be provided to you if your petition is not approved.
PETITION FOR ACTION
(Please Type or Print Clearly)

Student Name: _____________________________ Date: _____________________________

UNI: _____________________________ Class Standing: _______ Cell Phone: _____________________________
(First-year, sophomore, junior, senior)

School: ☐ Columbia College (CC) ☐ Columbia Engineering (SEAS) ☐ Visiting/Exchange Student

Major(s)/Concentration(s): _____________________________________________________________

CSA Adviser: ___________________________________________ Adviser contact regarding petition:

ACTION REQUESTED

☐ Add a Course After the Deadline
☐ Withdraw from a Course After the Deadline (CC only)
☐ Drop a Course After the Deadline (SEAS only)
☐ Change a Grading Option After the Deadline: Cover letter grade OR Uncover letter grade
☐ Change a Point Value After the Deadline
☐ Other (please specify):

COURSE INFORMATION

Title: _____________________________ Department: _____________________________

Semester Registered: __________ Call #: __________ Course #: __________ Section #: __________

Instructor’s Name: _____________________________ Instructor’s Email: _____________________________

STATEMENT TO THE COMMITTEE

Please attach a brief statement explaining why you believe your circumstances warrant an exception to CC/SEAS policy. Your statement should be addressed to the Committee on Academic Standing and include the following:

(a) A summary statement of your request
(b) An outline of the mitigating circumstances that led to your request (including specific dates and times)
(c) Discuss how this action may impact your degree progress (if relevant, provide a plan to complete degree requirements)
(d) Steps you might take to avoid a similar situation in the future

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PETITION FOR ACTION SUMMARY FORM

(TO BE FILLED OUT BY CSA ADVISER)

Student Name: ___________________________ UNI: ___________ School: ___________

Semesters Completed: ___________ Total Points Earned: ___________ Cumulative GPA: ___________

Is the student on academic action? [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, please specify: ________________________________

Does the student have prior petitions? [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, please specify request, term, and outcome: ________________________________

STUDENT CONTACT

[ ] Appointment/Walk-in

[ ] Email/Phone

NOTES/DATES OF CONTACT

ACTION REQUESTED

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please check one of the following

[ ] Add Class After the Deadline

Has the Registration Adjustment form been properly completed and signed by the student? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Has the instructor form been properly completed and signed? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Would the date and time of this course conflict/overlap with current schedule? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Does the student’s current enrollment exceed the credit limit (SEAS-21/CC-22)? [ ] Yes [ ] No

[ ] Withdraw/Drop Course After the Deadline

CC (W) - Has the Course Withdrawal Form been properly completed and signed by the student? [ ] Yes [ ] No

SEAS (Drop) - Has the Registration Adjustment form been properly completed and signed by the student? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Has the instructor form been properly completed and signed? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Has the student included supporting documentation? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Will the student maintain the minimum point requirement without this course? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Will this action prevent the student from graduating within 8 semesters? [ ] Yes [ ] No

[ ] Change Grading Option After the Deadline

CC - request to cover – I can confirm that the student does not exceed max of 1 course for P/D/F this term. [ ] Yes [ ] No

CC - request to cover – I can confirm that this action will not affect the student’s ability to graduate on time. [ ] Yes [ ] No

The department has confirmed that a letter grade is required for major/concentration or has provided additional feedback to the committee. [ ] Yes [ ] No

[ ] Change Point Value After the Deadline

Has the Registration Adjustment form been properly completed and signed by the student? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Will this action place the student above the maximum or below the minimum point requirement? [ ] Yes [ ] No

IS THERE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU WISH TO PROVIDE?


Adviser Name ___________________________ Signature ___________________________ Date ___________
Registration Adjustment Form

This form will be accepted for the following action codes only:

A. Add a course that cannot be added using SSOL
   - Requires INSTRUCTOR SIGNATURE
B. Drop a course that cannot be dropped using SSOL (before the drop deadline)
   - Requires INSTRUCTOR SIGNATURE
C. Add a course or courses that conflict
   - Requires BOTH INSTRUCTOR SIGNATURES as well as an authorized signature from your school

CODES D - G require an authorized signature from your school
D. Add a course for R credit, or change to R credit (CC and GS only)
E. Drop a course after the drop deadline
F. Enroll in a course over maximum point limit
G. Variable points adjustment after the Change of Program period
H. Cross Registration
   - Requires BOTH HOME and HOST SCHOOL APPROVAL SIGNATURES
   (BARNARD students should use the Barnard form.)

Grading Option (Optional): Enter "L" for letter grade. Enter "P" for Pass/Fail or P/D/F. If you do not enter a grading option, the grade option on record for the course is automatically selected. Please contact your school for more information on school specific grading policies.

Please check your schedule using SSOL to confirm enrollment.

STUDENT UNI: ___________________________ In University housing? Y N

☐ Fall ☐ Spring ☐ Summer Year: 20_______ Degree / Program: ___________________________ School: ___________________________

Print Last Name: ___________________________________________ Print First Name: ___________________________________________

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Total Points: For add/drop or point changes, enter total points BEFORE: BEFORE: AFTER: AFTER:

Additional Notes: ___________________________________________

Additional Advisor/Dean Signature (if required) ___________________________________________ UNI ________ Date ____________

By signing below, I acknowledge that I assume academic and financial responsibility for these adjustments to my registration.

Student Signature ___________________________________________ Date ___________________________