### **Schedule Changes**

## **Catalog URL:**

http://catalog.iastate.edu/registration/#schedulechangestext

### **Current Policy**

## **Proposed Policy and Procedures**

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Period 2 ends the Friday of week 10 in the fall and spring semesters. During this period, schedule changes require signatures of adviser and instructor and are processed on a Schedule Change form. A schedule change fee is assessed for adds, drops, and section changes during this period. Course drops after period 1 count toward a student's ISU drop limit and appear as an X on the permanent record. A section change does not require a drop.

Period 2 ends the Friday of week 10 in the fall and spring semesters. It is important for students to make well-informed decisions when adjusting their course schedules, particularly because such decisions often have financial and/or academic implications. To best support students' decision-making process, students need to obtain signatures from their academic adviser and course instructor on a Schedule Change form.

Drops and other schedule changes that are judged to be beyond the student's control may be processed as administrative actions if approved by the college dean. There is no schedule change fee for administrative schedule changes. Administrative drops do not count toward a student's ISU drop limit and do not appear as an X on the permanent record. The effective date of an administrative action is the date it is approved by the college dean or authorized representative.

For students who wish to add or change sections of a course, or adjust course credit hours, the need a signature from their academic adviser and a signature from the course instructor. These signatures grant permission for a student to make the requested change. Students who wish to drop a course need a signature from their academic adviser. Veterinary students in the College of Veterinary Medicine who wish to drop a course must follow the College's required procedures.

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In most cases, the decision to drop a course rests with the student; as such, this signature is not one of permission, but rather to indicate a conversation has occurred between the student and the advisor and instructor.

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Edited to maintain current drop policy (require advisor and instructor signature) for students in the College of Veterinary Medicine in 4<sup>th</sup> year rotations, 4/13/2020 Revised to maintain signatures from advisor and instructor for drops in Period 2. Kept explanation

regarding purpose of signatures, 4/23/2020