

## Add-Drop Deadlines and Variable Credit Courses

There are two important deadlines that students should pay attention to each semester: the Add deadline and the Drop deadline. These dates can be found at

<http://regweb.oit.unc.edu/calendars/index.php>

**1. Add deadline:** The last day to add a course is usually *within one week* of the start of classes. You must be registered as a full-time student if you are either (a) supported by the University or the Department, or (b) an international student. Full-time status can be maintained by either (i) registering for at least 9 credits, or (ii) taking 3 credits of STOR 992 (MS Essay) or 994 (Ph.D. Thesis research) under your advisor's section. Thus, a Ph.D. student who takes just 3 credits of 994, or a single 3 credit course plus 3 credits of 994 will have full time status, even though they are taking fewer than 9 credits total. Failure to be full-time can affect your funding, and even your ability to stay at the University.

**2. Drop with tuition refund:** The last day to drop a course and obtain a tuition refund is usually *within two weeks* of the start of classes. Students who perform a late drop that puts them under 9 credits, *even if they are eligible to take fewer than 9 credits due to STOR 992/4*, will be billed for the tuition difference. Thus, if a Ph.D. student taking a single 3 credit course plus 3 credits of 994 decides to drop their 3 credit course after the drop deadline, they will be charged for 3 credits of coursework. This rule does not affect students who will have 9 or more credits after the drop; they have until the normal graduate student drop date in November/April.

**Variable credit courses:** Under normal circumstances, students cannot receive more than 3 hours of credit for an STOR course. Courses designated as being variable credit can be taken for 1, 2 or 3 credits. In most circumstances, students taking a course for reduced credit (1 or 2 hours) will be expected to do the same work as students taking the course for full credit (3 hours).