Thinking about withdrawing from a class?

The last day to withdraw from a fall semester class with a “W” grade is April 14, 2015. Before you make a decision, be sure to consider the following:

_____ Have you talked to your professor to help you accurately assess your progress in the class so far and the likelihood of your passing the class?

_____ Are there resources available that you have not yet utilized, such as supplemental instruction or tutoring offered by the department or by Tutoring Services? If so, is there still time for you to utilize such resources in an effort to improve your grade?

_____ Did you know that dropping a class can negatively impact your academic status? In order to remain in good academic standing, students must pass 67% of all credits attempted. Withdrawals negatively affect your credit completion rate.

_____ Are you receiving financial aid? In order to continue receiving aid, you must also maintain a credit completion rate of 67% or better.

_____ Are you a student-athlete? If so, you should talk to your coach about whether or not dropping a class will affect your eligibility to participate in athletics.

_____ Are you concerned about your gpa? One advantage of dropping a class and receiving a “W” grade is that your gpa will not be negatively affected.

_____ Is this a class that is required for your major or minor…or for your University Studies or General Education Program studies? If so, keep in mind that you may need to take this class again, and you may want to ask the instructor if you can continue to sit in on the class, so that you will have the benefit of hearing the material covered for a second time when you repeat the class.

There may be other individual circumstances that you should also consider, and you may wish to speak to your academic advisor about your decision to drop a class. Other helpful resources are listed below:

Advising Services, Maxwell 314, http://www.winona.edu/advising/
Tutoring Services, http://www.winona.edu/tutoring/