



The effects of a Leave of Absence (LOA)

- Academic implications
 - Delays progress of earning degree
 - Student may fall behind due to course offerings only in a specific semester
 - If student completes coursework while away, student needs to have courses pre-approved by the Academic Advising Center
 - Courses taken at another institution do not count towards residency requirements or the Springfield College GPA
 - If LOA is taken during a semester (not at the completion of a semester), student's completion ratio will be greatly impacted from a semester of all withdrawal grades
- Financial Aid implications
 - If not enrolled in classes for over 6 months, grace period on loans may expire and student will be asked to submit loan payments
 - A LOA during the semester will result in using financial aid (some of which must be repaid) without earning any credit
 - Aid will have to be repackaged upon returning depending on year or return.