

Subject: Next Steps Regarding Your Registration Hold

Population: Active students with the hold on the quarter. This message will also be forwarded to deans' offices, department chairs and DGSs with their list of students who still have a hold.

Body:

You are receiving this message because you have not yet completed the “[Building a Community of Respect and Breaking Down Bias](#)” training course issued in February.

Please read the following information carefully and thoroughly. Failure to complete the training and attestations will prevent you from continuing your coursework and completing your degree.

As we have previously communicated, not completing the training has resulted in a registration hold that prevents any changes or additions to your class schedule. As we begin the Fall term, we want you to have as much information as possible to help you decide how you will proceed. This message aims to clarify the requirement and explain the potential impacts if you choose not to complete it.

Clarifying the Requirements

The full training course consists of seven main sections as described below. You are required to **complete all seven sections of the training**, but you are required to **attest only to the content of two sections**.

1. *No attestation required:* Introduction to Northwestern’s Guiding Principles.
2. **Attestation required:** University Discrimination, Harassment, and Religious Accommodations Policies. The required attestation reads, “I acknowledge that I have reviewed and agree to abide by the University’s [Policy on Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct](#).”
3. **Attestation required:** Overview of Student Code of Conduct Changes. The required attestation reads, “I acknowledge that I have reviewed and agree to abide by the [Student Code of Conduct](#), which includes the University’s policies on [Demonstration](#) and [Display](#).”
4. *No attestation required:* Antisemitism: Here/Now video.
5. *No attestation required:* Religious and Spiritual Support at NU video.
6. *No attestation required:* Beyond the Headlines: Anti-Muslim, Anti-Arab, and Anti-Palestinian Biases.
7. *No attestation required:* Conclusion.

As students complete the requirements, University staff are removing these holds each morning during the first week of the quarter to quickly facilitate registration.

Impacts for Students Pre-Registered for Fall

Students should attend only classes for which they are registered. You will not be able to change your course registration with this hold in place, so you should attend the classes you are registered for.

If you are not registered for a full-time course load (at least 3.0 units on the quarter system) and rely on funding from Northwestern or other entities, including Federal, state, or Northwestern financial aid, are a student-athlete, live in campus housing, or are studying on an F-1 or J-1 visa, please contact the appropriate support office immediately for advice.

If your hold is still in place when registration begins for Winter 2026, you will not be able to register. Once the Winter term begins, the impacts below will apply.

Immediate Impacts for Students Not Registered

As previously stated, if you are not registered for a course, you may not attend it. Faculty are unable to add students directly to Canvas sites.

In addition, those who are not registered in a given quarter are not eligible to live in campus housing, access campus facilities, or receive financial aid, including Federal Work Study allocations. Those studying on a J-1 or F-1 visa should check with their [Office of International Student and Scholar Services](#) (OISS) adviser immediately about how failure to register impacts immigration status.

Secondary Impacts for Students Not Registered

In the fifth week of every quarter, Northwestern updates the academic records of students who are not registered but are expected to be (undergraduates, doctoral students, etc.), temporarily discontinuing their academic program and thus their affiliation with Northwestern. Returning in a future term is relatively simple for most students once the hold is removed, and involves only [filing an application to return](#), which is reviewed and approved by your dean's office. Some graduate programs require an application for readmission and charge a fee to return. For example, you can find [The Graduate School policy here](#).

If you remain unregistered by Oct. 20 in the Fall or Feb. 2 in the Winter, your academic program will be discontinued, terminating your student affiliation with Northwestern until you complete the attestations and your application to return is approved. The Office of the

Registrar or your dean's office will email you in advance of discontinuing your academic program.

In keeping with past practice, student employees who hold jobs that require student status, including teaching and research assistantships and similar roles, will not be immediately removed from those positions after termination of student status, but they will not be eligible to be hired or for their appointment to continue beyond Fall Quarter without resolution of the hold and approval to return.

If you have been concerned about the policies you are required to attest to, we hope the clarifications above give you the information you need to make the best choice for you. If you intend to complete the required attestations, please do so now so your studies are not interrupted.