Student Attendance

Scope

This policy applies to all courses offered by the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Policy Statement

Because class attendance and course grade are positively related, the University expects students to attend all class sessions of courses in which they are enrolled. Each faculty member has the responsibility to determine specific attendance policies for each course taught. On the first day of class, each faculty member will make available to each student a written statement of the specific attendance policy, if any, for that class including the role that attendance plays in calculation of final grades.

If a student is absent or anticipates an absence, the student’s primary responsibility is directly to the faculty and the student should consult with them accordingly. If a student anticipates an absence for an extended period, the student should promptly notify the faculty member. If the absence is health or medically related, the student should contact the Accessibility Services Center to receive a medical supervision notification and will need to submit documentation from a treating provider supporting the absence.

If a student has a temporary accommodation plan issued by Accessibility Services Center for flexibility in attendance related to a disability, the student will need to consult with the faculty member regarding the implementation of the accommodation in association with the class attendance policy.

Faculty are expected to accommodate students should their university-endorsed extracurricular activities conflict with class attendance requirements. It is expected that students provide adequate and reasonable advance notice to faculty in order that they can ensure that an accommodation, if granted, not jeopardize or compromise the pedagogical goals and requirements of the course and students’ learning.

Faculty or other university officials who may require students, individually or collectively, to be absent from their classes due to a university-endorsed extracurricular activity are responsible for providing adequate information to the students involved so they may provide notice to other faculty.

Should there be cause on the part of the individuals involved to feel the reasons for absence were not considered with equity, a decision with punitive consequences may be appealed. The appeals procedure is the same as that provided for in each collegial unit for grade appeals (see ‘Related Information’).
Reason for Policy

To set standards for class attendance.

Related Information

Civil Leave (Statutory Leave)

Religious Observances

University of Nebraska at Omaha Student Code of Conduct

University of Nebraska Executive Memorandum No. 23: Students Called Into Military Service

College of Arts and Sciences Grade Appeal Policy

College of Business Administration Grade Appeal Policy

College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media Grade Appeal Policy

College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences Grade Appeal Policy

College of Information Science & Technology Grade Appeal Policy

College of Public Affairs and Community Service Grade Appeal Policy

UNO Graduate College Grade Appeal Policy

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