Interim Policy: Student Attendance

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Scope
This temporary policy applies to all courses offered at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO).

Policy Statement
For the immediate future, the campuswide student attendance policy is as follows:
Students will not be required to provide supporting documentation to justify absences which are a result of an illness or a concern of illness. Faculty are strongly encouraged to work with their students in their courses so that students can make up assignments that are missed due to illness or concern about illness. Students should notify their instructors in advance of the absence if possible and should keep up with classwork if they are able to do so.

Reason for Policy
We are facing a challenging situation in which all of us are called on to make a good faith effort to be flexible and to make decisions in the best interest of the community. In light of this, the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), with the endorsement of the Faculty Senate, is temporarily suspending the usual guidelines regarding instructor authority in setting attendance policies.
This temporary campuswide policy puts everyone on their honor. It requires that faculty and instructors trust the word of their students when they say they are ill, and it requires that students
report the reason for their absence truthfully. All of this is to say that the usual codes of conduct and rules of academic integrity are still in place.

Related Information

UNO Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
Douglas County Health Department

History

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