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Class Attendance

General Policy

Regular class attendance is an important obligation and an essential condition for successful academic progress. Absences may seriously jeopardize the satisfactory completion of a course. Excessive absence can be a cause for dismissal from the College. The instructor is responsible for establishing and communicating the attendance policy for a given course. Students are responsible for all assignments in each of their courses, whether or not the assignments were announced during an absence. Penalties for absences depend upon the nature and the amount of work missed, of which the faculty member is the sole judge. It is not permissible to miss regularly scheduled classes for the purpose of intercollegiate athletic practice. A student who misses the first session of a course, even if he/she is pre-registered, may have his/her place in that course given away and be denied further attendance in that course.

Student Athletes

Student-athletes will not miss class for practice. Student-athletes, in the season in which their sport has scheduled intercollegiate competitions, will not be penalized for missing class because of representing the College in those competitions – so long as the student's absence from the class for the purpose of intercollegiate athletic competition does not exceed (see *Student Athlete Handbook*):

1. 4 classes on the MWF schedule (fall and spring terms)
2. 3 classes on the T/Th schedule (fall and spring terms)
3. 2 classes during a traditional January Term course
4. 1 class per term (fall and spring) for labs and courses that meet once per week