

## ATTENDANCE POLICY

Regular attendance and consistent study are student responsibilities and the two factors which contribute most to a successful college experience. A college student is expected to attend all of his/her class sessions. It is the responsibility of each student to know the attendance and absence policy of each class in which he or she is enrolled.

Failure to attend class can result in a lower grade or dismissal from class. Any student who stops attending a class without officially dropping it in the Admissions & Records Office may receive a grade of "F."

### **The College's attendance policy relies on the following five basic premises:**

1. Students who do not attend the first class meeting may be dropped and may be replaced by other students unless the student notifies the instructor in advance.
2. Any absence from class is detrimental to a student's progress in that class; therefore, an "excused" absence is no less serious than "unexcused." Participation in curricular and extra-curricular college activities is acknowledged to be an integral part of a student's total educational experience. Prior approval from the instructor is necessary for this participation not to be considered an absence.
3. Any lack of attendance which leads an instructor to judge that unsatisfactory progress is being made may result in the student being dropped. Absence from a full-semester class in excess of two weeks (consecutive or non-consecutive) may result in the instructor dropping the student. That is, a student may be dropped after missing one more class meeting than twice the number of class meetings per week.
  - Absences in excess of one week (consecutive or non-consecutive) from a summer session class, or any regular semester class from 6-17 weeks in duration, may result in the instructor dropping the student. That is, a student may be dropped after missing one more class meeting than the number of class meetings per week.
  - Absence in excess of 10% of the scheduled class meetings in classes from one-five weeks in duration may result in the instructor dropping the student. That is, a student may be dropped after missing one class meeting more than 10% of the total number of scheduled class meetings.
4. When a student is dropped due to the attendance policy, the assignment of a "W" will be based on the drop occurring before the 14th week for a full semester class. After the 14th week, no drops are allowed, and the only grades given will be: "A," "B," "C," "D," "F," "NP," "P." It is the student's responsibility to withdraw formally from classes by the last day to withdraw with a "W." Any student who stops attending a class without officially dropping it in the Admissions & Records Office may receive a grade of "F."
5. If the student has been dropped due to the attendance policy, the instructor may reinstate the student only if all of the following conditions are met:
  - a. the student had been doing satisfactory work,
  - b. in the judgment of the instructor, the student has a reasonable chance of passing the course, and
  - c. the student verifies extenuating circumstances beyond his/her control.

The student must complete a Student Reinstatement Form with supporting documentation. Student Reinstatement Forms may be obtained from the Admissions & Records Office.

If the student is denied reinstatement, the student may petition the Vice President for Student Affairs.