

Temporary Attendance Policy

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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 Provost's Office, with the endorsement of the Undergraduate Council, is temporarily suspending the usual Academic Policy Handbook rules regarding instructor authority in setting attendance policies. For the immediate future, the campus-wide attendance policy is as follows:

Students who are sick, or who are engaging in self-quarantine at the direction of their local Health Department or their health care professional, should not attend class, will not be required to provide formal documentation from a health care provider, and will not be penalized for absences.

Students should:

- Notify instructors in advance of the absence if possible
- Keep up with classwork if they are able to do so
- Submit assignments digitally
- Work with their instructors to try to reschedule exams, labs, and other critical academic activities.

This temporary campus-wide 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.

During this period, we ask all members of the University community to be attentive to their health and safeguard others by following the CDC's guideline to "stay home when you are sick." You should stay home if you have symptoms (coughing, fever, shortness of breath). More information on [what to do if you are sick](#) is available at the CDC's website.