

Proposed addition (highlighted) to Attendance Policy 3.06 B.1.a:

a. The following absences must be excused:

Required university related absences, including but not limited to athletic games/matches/meets or their equivalents,

- Absences due to military duty or veteran status, including service-related medical appointments where failure to appear might result in a loss of benefits.
- Absences because of pregnancy or childbirth for as long as the student's doctor deems the absences medically necessary. When a student returns to school, she must be allowed to return to the same academic and extracurricular status as before her medical leave began.
- Legally mandated absences such as jury duty or court subpoena.
- Absences on a day the provost has declared a severe weather day per policy 4.07
- Absences related to COVID-19 illness, self-isolation, or quarantine. Faculty teaching Face-to-Face must be prepared to also offer online instruction and/or have assignment alternatives for individual students who are unable to attend class due to COVID-related issues. **Students who need to miss class due to documented COVID exposure must notify the Dean of Students, who will inform the appropriate faculty members in advance of the reasons for a student's absence. Students are expected to return to class after a 2-week quarantine. Subsequent COVID exposure will require students to file a new notification with the Dean of Students, who will again inform the appropriate faculty members of the student's impending absence.** This should also extend to field experiences that students may not be able to attend for the same reasons.