

Extracurricular Life and Class Attendance Resolution

As a University, we value students' total educational experience, including its curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular components. The Student Life Subcommittee of the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Education encourages all Departments (academic and other) to minimize the scheduling during established class meeting hours of events at which student participation is required or desired, including but not limited to extra class meetings, athletics, arts programs, and other organized activities. When conflicts exist, all parties (students, faculty, and staff) should work together so that the student can meet his or her academic obligations and participate in extracurricular events. If agreement about an appropriate accommodation cannot be reached, the student's obligations to classes meeting on their posted schedules will take priority.

To facilitate planning, all courses (including ROTC, varsity sports, and music ensembles) should post, to the extent possible, the full set of meeting times in SIS before students register for their courses. This will allow students to work with their faculty to resolve conflicts before the start of the semester. Should it be impossible or impractical to record specific obligations in SIS before students register, a student should alert each of his or her instructors before the end of the drop/add period of conflicts that will occur during the semester in order to develop a plan to resolve the conflicts, including the possibility of making adjustments to course enrollments.

In addition, all faculty should be aware that Undergraduate Studies and the Department of Physical Education and Athletics have developed guidelines for coaches, who are themselves members of the faculty, to administer exams for other courses to their team members while the team is traveling to participate in a competition.