

## **Class Attendance**

The College expects regular class attendance in all courses. Student absences diminish the quality of learning experiences for all. Such absences are an indication of disengagement from the College community. Absent students will be sought out and counseled. Faculty members will keep records of student attendance and will send students written absence warnings when any pattern of absences such as consecutive unexcused absences appears to be jeopardizing academic success. Copies of the notices will be sent to faculty advisors, the Office of Student Affairs and the Registrar's Office. Absences will also be noted on Checkpoint Letters. These notices will be used as a basis for counseling and other interventionary measures designed to re-engage absentees. In instances where intervention does not lead to a change in behavior, the faculty member and Registrar may withdraw a student involuntarily from a course. Federal regulations require that veterans must attend classes regularly to remain eligible for V.A. benefits.

Faculty will be informed of class absences as a result of authorized participation in College-sanctioned extracurricular activities, such as intercollegiate athletic contests, and illness that is documented by a physician or a nurse in the health center. Students are responsible for all work missed and should communicate with faculty regarding their absences.

Faculty members may establish such additional attendance requirements as they deem academically sound and which do not conflict with the College's attendance policy. Any such requirements must be set forth in writing in the course syllabus that is given to the students at the beginning of the term.

Courses normally will have three 50-minute periods or two 75-minute periods available for class meetings, in addition to class meeting time for laboratories, if required, each week.