

Absence for Religious Observances Form

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In compliance with state and federal laws, College students are eligible for two excused absences each academic year, for religious observances required by the student's faith. This form should be submitted to your instructor(s) no later than the census date (10% point) for the class. A student who submits this form after the census date must show good cause for the late submission and the late submission itself may be taken into account in determining whether the student has a religious practice or belief and whether granting the request would create undue hardship. Excused absences from classes for religious observances do not relieve students from responsibility for any part of the coursework required during the period of absence. **Please submit one form per class.**

Student and Class Information

Student Name: _____ Student ID#: ____/____/____/____/____/____/____

Instructor Name: _____ Course (Prefix, Number, Section): _____

Request Information

A request for a religious observance is any change in a course or program of study with respect to the way course/program responsibilities are customarily done that enables a student to observe his/her religious practice or belief without imposing undue hardship on the College. Please provide the following information (if necessary, attach additional sheets for any of the information requested below):

What specific class requirement(s) do you request (e.g., excused absence, rescheduling of an exam, or other class requirement)?

Please identify your religious practice or belief and state how the request enables you to participate in your religious practice or belief.

Please list the dates of the request within the academic semester.

Student Signature/Additional Documentation

In signing below, I verify that the above information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that any intentional misrepresentation contained in this request may result in disciplinary action. I acknowledge that the College may request additional documentation to verify my religious practice or belief and the appropriateness of the requested accommodation.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Student Name: _____ Date of Student's Request: _____

Select one of the following two options:

Option 1: Request Approved

What specifically will be provided?

Approved dates:

Instructor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Option 2: Request Denied

Please specify the reason for the denial (e.g., request requires significant expense or undue hardship on the College, Department, and/or Instructor, including a significant interference with the essential functions of the course/program of study):

Note: If there is no consensus on the request, the student may schedule a meeting with the Instructor and Associate Dean. For further appeal rights, consult [Procedure 5.2.1.2 –Absence for Religious Observances](#).

Instructor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Instructors: Return the completed form to the student within five business days of the date the student submitted this form to the Instructor. Keep a copy and submit this original completed form to the Student

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1. Check photo ID (required; form must be submitted by student)
2. Scan to Applications/4 Privacy
3. Add electronic "Info Release Rescinded" stamp to original Release of Information form

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