

NOTICE OF NEW REGULATION

Date: October 8, 2009

REGULATION TITLE:
Religious Observances

REGULATION NO.:
UCF-5.020

SUMMARY OF REGULATION: This new regulation sets forth the policy to allow students to be excused from class to observe religious holy days. This regulation also explains that students who miss class for religious holy days will be permitted to make up missed assignments or examinations. Finally, this regulation directs students to the student grievance procedure if they feel they have been unreasonably denied a benefit of this policy.

AUTHORITY: BOG Resolution dated January 7, 2003

NAME OF PERSON WHO INITIATED REGULATION:
Alison Morrison-Shetlar, Dean of Undergraduate Studies

COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED REGULATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE CONTACT PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW. The comments must identify the regulation you are commenting on.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATION IS:

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FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION:

UCF-5.020 Religious Observances

(1) The University of Central Florida will reasonably accommodate the religious observances, practices, and beliefs of individuals in regard to admissions, class attendance, and the scheduling of examinations and work assignments. A student who desires to observe a

religious holy day of his or her religious faith must notify all of his/her instructors at the beginning of the term to be excused from classes to observe the religious holy day.

(2) The student will be held responsible for any material covered during the excused absence, but will be permitted a reasonable amount of time to complete any work missed. Where practicable, major examinations, major assignments and University ceremonies will not be scheduled on a major religious holy day.

(3) Students who are absent from academic or social activities because of religious observances will not be penalized.

(4) A student who believes that he/she has been unreasonably denied an educational benefit due to his/her religious belief or practices may seek redress in accordance with the Student Grievance Procedure, explained fully in The Golden Rule student handbook (in the section entitled "Office of the General Counsel").

Authority: BOG Regulations 1.001 and 6.0115. History – New ____-09.